

landowners, and the general public with another opportunity to offer your comments on the Project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS and LNG vessel transit safety concerns for consideration by the Coast Guard. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

All public meetings will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

When Quoddy Bay submits its application for authorization to construct and operate the project, the Commission will publish a Notice of Application in the **Federal Register** and will establish a deadline for interested persons to intervene in the proceeding. Because the Commission's Pre-Filing Process occurs before an application to begin a proceeding is officially filed, petitions to intervene during this process are premature and will not be accepted by the Commission.

#### Environmental Mailing List

If you received this notice, you are on the environmental mailing list for this Project and will continue to receive Project updates including the draft and final EISs. If you want your contact information corrected or you do not want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Correct or Remove From Mailing List Form included as Appendix 3.

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the draft and final EISs will be issued in both CD-ROM and hard copy formats. The FERC strongly encourages the use of the CD-ROM format in its publication of large documents. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the draft EIS instead of a CD-ROM, you must indicate that choice on the return postcard (Appendix 3).

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The

eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, Quoddy Bay L.L.C. LNG has established an Internet Web site for this project at <http://www.quoddylng.com>. The website includes a project overview, status, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also request additional information by calling Quoddy Bay LNG at 207-853-6631, or by e-mail at [ABarstow@quoddylng.com](mailto:ABarstow@quoddylng.com).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 13, 2006.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.
- b. *Project No.:* 516-418.
- c. *Date filed:* February 21, 2006.
- d. *Applicant:* South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Saluda Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Saluda River, near the Town of Delmar, Saluda County, South Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) 825(r) and sections 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Beth Trump, South Carolina Gas and Electric Co., Land Management (MZ6), Columbia, SC 29218, telephone (803) 217-7912, fax (803) 933-7520, e-mail [btrump@scana.com](mailto:btrump@scana.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Brandi Sangunett; telephone (202) 502-8393, e-mail [brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov](mailto:brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* April 14, 2006.

k. *Description of Proposal:* South Carolina Electric and Gas Company is requesting Commission approval to authorize the use by Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority (SCWSA) of project lands for the withdrawal of up to 15 million gallons per day of water from the project reservoir for public drinking water, and to convey 0.23 acres of project property along with a 40-foot wide ingress and egress easement for the purpose of constructing a raw water pumping station and associated facilities. The water withdrawal would involve an inter-basin transfer from the Saluda River basin for use and discharge into the Lower Savannah River basin and the Edisto River basin. No lands presently reserved for public recreation will be affected.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field (p-516) to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in

all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers (p-516-418). All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

March 14, 2006.

a. *Subject:* Alternative Licensing Process for a New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 12478-000.

c. *Applicant:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC.

d. *Name of Project:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* The proposed hydroelectric generating facility would be located at Gibson dam on the Sun River approximately 18 miles northwest of Augusta, MT in Teton and Lewis and Clark counties. The project power generating facilities would be constructed at or near the base of Gibson dam on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation lands. Gibson dam lies within the Lewis

and Clark National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

f. *The application would be filed pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact:* Steven C. Marmon, Project Manager, Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC, 3633 Alderwood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225, [smarmon@tollhouseenergy.com](mailto:smarmon@tollhouseenergy.com), 360.738.9999 X 122.

h. *FERC Contact:* David Turner, [david.turner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.turner@ferc.gov), 202.502.6091.

i. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* May 12, 2006.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

j. The hydroelectric project would be located at or near Gibson dam on the Sun River approximately 18 miles northwest of Augusta, MT. Gibson dam is an existing water storage and supply facility owned and operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Forest Service. The project power generating facilities would be constructed at or near the base of Gibson dam on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation lands, and would consist of a powerhouse, a 5-35 kilovolt (kV) transformer located near the powerhouse, a 35kV transmission line extending from the transformer to a 35-69kV substation, and a 69kV overhead transmission line extending from the substation to the existing South Augusta substation.

Three alternative powerhouse configurations are currently under consideration. All three designs would involve an approximately 60 foot (ft) by 160 ft powerhouse, which would house two 6-megawatt (MW) and two 1.5-MW horizontal shaft Francis-type turbine/generators. Specifically, the alternatives are: (1) Upstream Alternative, with the

powerhouse located just downstream of and parallel to the Gibson dam; (2) Upstream Alternative, with the powerhouse located just downstream of and perpendicular to the Gibson dam; and (3) Downstream Alternative, with the powerhouse located adjacent to the access road approximately 250 ft downstream from the base of the dam.

k. *Scoping Process.* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC (GDHC) intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, GDHC will prepare an applicant prepared Environmental Assessment (EA) and license application for the Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project.

GDHC expects to file with the Commission, the applicant prepared EA and the license application for the Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project by March 2007. Although GDHC's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be necessary to complete the NEPA process. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

#### Scoping Meetings

GDHC and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings—one in the evening and one in the morning—to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the applicant prepared EA. The evening scoping meeting will be oriented primarily for the public, while the morning scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, tribes, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the Commission staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the applicant prepared EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### Evening Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (MST), Fairfield Community Center, Fairfield, MT.

#### Morning Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (MST), Montana Association of Counties Building, 2715 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT.

To help focus discussions, copies of SD1 outlining the subject areas to be