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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2219-020—Utah]

#### Garkane Energy; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

December 14, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for new license for the Boulder Creek Hydroelectric Project, located on Boulder Creek in Garfield County, Utah, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project occupies 29.59 acres of federal land, administered by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Dixie National Forest.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that issuing a new license for the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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 to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2219-020 to all comments. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2216-066]

#### Niagara Project; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Niagara Project

December 29, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR Part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the application for a New Major License for the Niagara Project, and prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the project which is located on the Niagara River in Niagara County, New York.

The FEIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the Niagara Project. The FEIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the FEIS is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The FEIS also may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-

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For further information, contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or at [Stephen.Kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:Stephen.Kartalia@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 12606-000 and 2545-091]

#### Post Falls Hydroelectric Project; Spokane River Developments Project; Avista Corporation; Spokane, WA; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Spokane River Developments and Post Falls Hydroelectric Projects

December 28, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR Part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]) the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the applications for New Major Licenses for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project and Post Falls Project. Staff prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the projects which are located on the Spokane River, Washington.

The DEIS contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the projects and concludes that licensing the projects, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the DEIS have been sent to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; and individuals on the Commission's mailing list.

A copy of the DEIS is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number (P-2545) or (P-12606), to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online

Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-2376, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Comments should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed by March 6, 2007, and should reference Project Nos. 2545-091 and 12606-000. 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 instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting; time and location of the meeting to be announced in a separate notice. At the meeting, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project.

For further information, please contact: John Blair at (202) 502-6092 or at [john.blair@ferc.gov](mailto:john.blair@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos.: P-2197-073 and P-2206-030]

#### Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

December 28, 2006.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Applications:* New Major Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* P-2197-073 and P-2206-030.

c. *Dates filed:* April 25, 2006 and April 26, 2006.

d. *Applicants:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. and Carolina Power and Light Company d/b/a/ Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

e. *Names of Projects:* Yadkin Hydroelectric Project and Yadkin-Pee Dee River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Locations:* The Yadkin Project is located on the Yadkin River in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly Counties, North Carolina. The Yadkin-Pee Dee River Project is located on the Yadkin and Pee Dee Rivers in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly Counties, North Carolina. There are no federal lands affected by these projects.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Yadkin Project—Mr. Gene Ellis, Licensing and Property Manager, Alcoa Power Generating, Inc., Yadkin Division, P.O. Box 576, NC Highway 740, Badin, NC 28009-0576.

Yadkin-Pee Dee Project—E. Michael Williams, Senior Vice President Power Operations, Progress Energy, 410 S. Wilmington Street PEB 13, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602; Telephone (919) 546-6640.

i. *FERC Contacts:* Stephen Bowler at (202) 502-6861 or [stephen.bowler@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.bowler@ferc.gov), or Lee Emery at (202) 502-8379 or [lee.emery@ferc.gov](mailto:lee.emery@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* February 26, 2007.

*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 require all intervenors 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 intervenor 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.

Motions to intervene and protests 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.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The existing Yadkin Project consists of four developments on the Yadkin River:* High Rock, Tuckertown, Narrows, and Falls. The High Rock development is the furthest upstream development, located at river mile (RM) 253, and includes the following existing

facilities: (1) A dam and spillway; (2) 10 flood gates; (3) a 14,400-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 623.9 feet U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) datum and a usable storage capacity of 217,400 acre-feet; and (4) a powerhouse, integral to the dam, containing three turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 32 megawatts (MW).

The Tuckertown development (RM 244.3) includes the following existing facilities: (1) Dam; (2) spillway with 11 gates; (3) a 2,560-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 564.7 feet USGS and a usable storage capacity of 6,700 acre-feet; and (4) a powerhouse, integral to the dam, containing three turbine-generator units with a total installed capacity of 38 MW.

The Narrows development (RM 236.5) includes the following existing facilities: (1) A dam and spillway; (2) 22 flood gates and a trash gate; (3) an intake structure with four openings each with two gates; (4) four penstocks; (5) a powerhouse downstream of the dam; (6) a bypass spillway with 10 control gates and a trash gate; (7) a 5,355-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 509.8 feet USGS and a usable storage capacity of 129,100 acre-feet; and (8) four turbine-generators with a total installed capacity of 108 MW.

The Falls development (RM 234) includes the following constructed facilities: (1) A dam; (2) a spillway with 12 flood gates and a trash gate; (3) a 204-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 332.8 feet USGS and a usable storage capacity of 940 acre-feet; and (4) a powerhouse, integral to the dam, and containing three turbine-generators with a total installed capacity of 31 MW.

Alcoa Generating operates the High Rock development in a store-and-release mode and the Tuckertown, Narrows, and Falls developments in a run-of-river mode on a daily basis. The High Rock development provides storage for the three downstream developments. The maximum annual drawdown for High Rock is 13 feet.

The existing Yadkin-Pee Dee Project consists of the Tillery development on the Yadkin and Pee Dee Rivers and the Blewett Falls development on the Pee Dee River. The Tillery development (RM 218) includes the following existing facilities: (1) A dam and spillway; (2) 18 flood gates; (3) a trash sluice gate; (4) a 5,697-acre reservoir, with a normal pool elevation of 277.3 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) and a usable storage capacity of 84,150 acre-feet; (5) a powerhouse, integral to the dam, containing four turbine-generators with a total installed capacity of 84 MW;