

NCES on test items for the NAEP 2009 reading and math assessments to demonstrate the effectiveness of new item development strategies. The second portion of the closed session briefing from NCES is to receive preliminary results of NAEP studies to maintain trend lines for the 2009 NAEP reading and mathematics assessments. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session in order to allow the Committee to receive and discuss confidential test items and results of NAEP studies that have not been publicly released. This would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session on August 1 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

On August 1, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the full Board will meet in open session to hear a presentation from the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chair of the Governing Board's Policy Task Force that works with the Council of Chief State School Officers. From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Board will receive a briefing from the Chair of the Board's 12th Grade Technical Panel on Preparedness Research. From 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Board will hear a presentation from the Executive Director of the Council of the Great City Schools on how Trial Urban Districts make use of NAEP data. The August 1 session of the Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m.

On August 2, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to receive an update on the status of the 2008 Board nominations and to review and discuss confidential information regarding nominees for Board vacancies for terms beginning on October 1, 2009. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in open session on August 2 from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. to hear a presentation on "Inside NAEP: Background Variables." From 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Board will receive and take action on Committee reports and elect the Board Vice Chair. The August 2, 2008 session of the Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 12 p.m.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

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Dated: July 11, 2008.

Mary Crovo Clark,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electric Transmission Congestion Study

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of date and time Changes for technical workshops.

SUMMARY: On June 4, 2008, DOE published a notice that DOE was initiating preparations for the 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study pursuant to section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (73 FR 31846). In the June 4 notice, DOE stated that it would be hosting six regional technical workshops to receive and discuss input concerning electric transmission-level congestion. The date for the workshop in Atlanta and the starting time of the workshop in Chicago

have been changed. The locations of the workshops remain the same.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for workshop date and time changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, (202) 586-1411, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Date and Time Changes for Technical Workshops

Workshops dates and times: The date for the Atlanta and the starting and ending time for the Chicago technical workshops are:

1. July 29, 2008, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Atlanta, GA.
2. September 17, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Chicago, IL.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 10, 2008.

Marshall E. Whitenton,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Permitting, Siting and Analysis, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9988-015]

Augusta Canal Authority; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

July 9, 2008.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-9988-015.

c. *Date filed:* May 31, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Augusta Canal Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* King Mill Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The King Mill Project is located on the Augusta Canal about 6 miles downstream of the Augusta Diversion Dam, adjacent to the Savannah River, Richmond County, Augusta, GA. The project does not affect federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Dayton Sherrouse, Executive Director, Augusta Canal Authority, 1450 Green Street, Suite 400, Augusta, GA 30901; Telephone (706) 823-0440, Ext. 1.

i. *FERC Contact:* Sarah Florentino, Telephone (202) 502-6863, or e-mail sarah.florentino@ferc.gov. Additional information on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hydroelectric projects is available on FERC's Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp>

j. The deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice (September 8, 2008) and reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice (October 21, 2008).

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project description:* The existing King Mill Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) Intake works consisting of a 50-foot-long, 15-foot-high headgate and intake structure; (2) primary and secondary steel trash racks; (3) a 200-foot-long, 40-foot-wide, concrete-lined, open flume head race; (4) a 435-foot-long, 30-foot-wide brick and masonry powerhouse; (5) two vertical shaft turbine/generator units with an installed capacity of 2.25 megawatts; (6) a 435-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, concrete-lined, open tailrace section which returns flows to the Augusta Canal; and (7) appurtenant facilities. There is no dam or impoundment, as approximately 881 cfs of water is withdrawn from the Augusta Canal when operating at full capacity. Developed head is approximately 32 feet. The estimated generation is 14,366 MWh annually. Nearly all generated power is utilized by the Standard Textile Plant, located

within the King Mill building, for textile production. No new facilities or changes in project operation are proposed.

m. A copy of the application 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 or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Projects Nos. 13103-000 and 13104-000]

Birch Power Company; BPUS Generation Development LLC; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comment, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

July 9, 2008.

On February 1, 2008, at 8:32 a.m. and 8:39 a.m. respectively, Birch Power Company (Birch Power) and BPUS Generation Development LLC (BPUS Generation) filed applications, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Coffeerville Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project, to be located at the existing U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corps) Coffeerville Lock and Dam on the Tombigbee River in Choctaw and Clarke Counties, Alabama.

The proposed projects would use the existing Corps Coffeerville Lock and Dam and would respectively consist of, for Birch Power and BPUS Generation: (1) A proposed powerhouse containing several generating units having total installed capacities of 9.55 and 24 megawatts, (2) a proposed intake and tailrace, (3) a proposed transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The projects would, respectively, have an annual generation of 62 and 48 gigawatt-hours that would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: for Birch Power—Mr. Ted Sorenson, Sorenson Engineering, 5203 South 11th East, Idaho Falls, ID 83404; phone: 208-522-8069; for BPUS Generation—Mr. Jeffrey M. Auser, BPUS Generation Development LLC, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, NY 13088; phone: 315-413-2700. FERC Contact: Tom Papsidero, 202-502-6002.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For