

the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: February 24, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2354-10]

Chandra Coffee and Rabun Boatworks, Complainants v. Georgia Power Company, Respondent; Notice of Complaint

February 3, 2010.

Take notice that on December 14, 2009, as amended on January 8, 2010, Chandra Coffee and Rabun Boatworks (Complainants) filed with the Federal Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) a complaint against Georgia Power Company (Respondent), licensee of the North Georgia Hydroelectric Project No. 2354. Complainants own and operate a storage and boat rental business approximately one mile from Lake Rabun. Complainants, after contracting with boating customers off-site, place boats in the water, assist in loading and unloading boaters, and facilitate retrieval of boats from the water at the Lake Rabun Recreation

Area. Complainants allege that Respondent has impermissibly denied them access to the public boat ramp at the Lake Rabun Recreation Area, part of the Respondent's North Georgia Project. Complainants request that the Commission investigate and assert that Respondent has not complied with its FERC license.

Complainants certify that a copy of the complaint was served on counsel for Georgia Power Company.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-566]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

February 3, 2010.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, (18 CFR Part 380), Commission staff has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) regarding Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's (Duke), licensee for the Catawba-Wateree Project, request for approval of an agreement between the Town of Mooresville, North Carolina (Mooresville) and Duke, authorizing Mooresville to operate and maintain expanded water intake facilities and withdraw water from Lake Norman. The Catawba-Wateree Project (FERC No. 2232) is located on the Catawba and Wateree Rivers, in nine counties in North Carolina and five counties in South Carolina. Lake Norman is the fifth reservoir in the series of reservoirs used by the project, and is located on the Catawba River.

In its application, Duke proposes to grant an expansion of Mooresville's water intake facilities and increase Mooresville's water withdrawal rate from Lake Norman. The existing water intake structure would be expanded by connecting a new pipe to the existing water intake structure and the existing pumping plant located on Mooresville-owned property within the project boundary. Mooresville has requested that the expanded facility have a gross maximum allowable water withdrawal rate of 18 million gallons per day (MGD), a 6 MGD increase from the current approved maximum withdrawal rate of 12 MGD, as approved by the Commission on August 23, 2005. The water intake and pump facility are located in Iredell County, North Carolina.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled, "Order Modifying and Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued February 3, 2010, and is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2232) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance with eLibrary, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or

toll-free at (866) 208-3676; for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-36-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2011/2012 Abandonment and Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 5, 2010.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Southern 2011/2012 Abandonment and Replacement Project, involving the abandonment and replacement of facilities by Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) in Louisiana and Mississippi. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on March 8, 2010.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Southern provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Southern proposes to abandon, replace, and modify certain pipeline facilities located within East Carroll and West Carroll Parishes, Louisiana, and Issaquena, Sharkey, Yazoo, Madison, Attala, and Winston Counties, Mississippi. Specifically, Southern proposes to abandon in place 68.5 miles (in five segments) of its North Main Loop Line, consisting of 16- to 24-inch-diameter pipeline. To adjust for the abandonment, Southern would also replace and/or modify small segments of its North Main and North Main Loop pipelines. These pipeline segments were installed using a mechanical coupling technology in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The pipeline, consisting of 18- to 24-inch-diameter pipe, would be cut, cleaned, sealed, and abandoned in place.

Overall, the project would involve 29 separate areas of disturbance along Southern's system in Louisiana and Mississippi. The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed project would temporarily disturb about 6.91 acres of land for the abandonment and modification of the facilities. Afterwards, all areas of disturbance would be revegetated and return to its previous use. All pipeline abandonment activities would be conducted within the existing right-of-way and compressor station areas. No new access roads would be required to facilitate the abandonment of the pipeline facilities.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us² to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. The EA will be placed into the public record and, depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted if the EA is published for review. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 8, 2010.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit