

c. *Date Filed*: November 20, 2009.
 d. *Submitted By*: Whitman River Dam, Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Crocker Pond Project.

f. *Location*: The project would be located at the existing Crocker Pond Dam, on the Whitman River, in Worcester County, Massachusetts. The project would not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact*: Mr. Robert T. Francis, Whitman River Dam, Inc., P.O. Box 145, 10 Tommy Francis Road, Westminister, MA 01473; (978) 874-1010.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jeff Browning, (202) 502-8677, or jeffrey.browning@ferc.gov.

j. Whitman River Dam, Inc. filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on November 20, 2009. Whitman River Dam, Inc. provided public notice of its request on December 17, 2009. In a letter dated February 1, 2010, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects approved the Whitman River Dam, Inc. request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and (b) the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Whitman River Dam, Inc. filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 paragraph h.

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For

assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-379-003]

Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC; Notice of Application

February 3, 2010.

Take notice that on January 26, 2010, Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie), 333 Clay Street, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77002, filed an abbreviated application in Docket No. CP04-379-003, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, for an order amending the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Docket Nos. CP04-379-000, CP04-379-001, and CP04-379-002, to authorize Pine Prairie to: (1) Install six 5,750 hp electric motor drive compressor units instead of the four 4,700 hp natural gas-fueled units previously authorized; (2) construct and operate a new electrical substation at the Pine Prairie Gas Handling Facility and approximately 1,200 feet of aerial electric power lines between the new substation and the existing substation and (3) increase the authorized daily delivery capacity at Pine Prairie's existing interconnection with Columbia Gulf Transmission Company to permit higher rates of delivery at peak conditions. Pine Prairie also seeks reaffirmation of its authority to charge market based rates for storage and hub services, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, 1101 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-346-8000 (phone), 202-346-8102 (fax), or via e-mail at jbowe@dl.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is

issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

This filing 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 "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to

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.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 23, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
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