DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516–459–South Carolina]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Saluda Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included In or Eligible for Inclusion In the National Register of Historic Places

May 20, 2010.

Rule 10 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that, to eliminate unnecessary expense or improve administrative efficiency, the Secretary may establish a restricted service list for a particular phase or issue in a proceeding. The restricted service list should contain the names of persons on the service list who, in the judgment of the decisional authority establishing the list, are active participants with respect to the phase or issue in the proceeding for which the list is established.

The Commission staff is consulting with the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer (hereinafter, South Carolina SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (hereinafter, Council) pursuant to the Council’s regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, implementing section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. section 470 f), to prepare and execute a programmatic agreement for managing properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places at the Saluda Hydroelectric Project No. 516–459.

The programmatic agreement, when executed by the Commission and the South Carolina SHPO would satisfy the Commission’s section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings carried out in accordance with the license until the license expires or is terminated (36 CFR 800.13[e]). The Commission’s responsibilities pursuant to section 106 for the Saluda Project would be fulfilled through the programmatic agreement, which the Commission proposes to draft in consultation with certain parties listed below. The executed programmatic agreement would be incorporated into any Order issuing a license.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, as licensee for Saluda Hydroelectric Project No. 516, the Catawba Indian Nation, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have expressed an interest in this preceding and are invited to participate in consultations to develop the programmatic agreement.

For purposes of commenting on the programmatic agreement, we propose to restrict the service list for the aforementioned project as follows:


Rebekah Dobrasko or Representative, Review and Compliance Coordinator, Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

Tyler Howe or Representative, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Qualla Boundary, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Mr. William R. Argentieri or Representative, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 111 Research Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29203.

Dr. Wenonah G. Haire or Representative, Catawba Indian Nation THPO, 1536 Tom Stevens Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Any person on the official service list for the above-captioned proceeding may request inclusion on the restricted service list, or may request that a restricted service list not be established, by filing a motion to that effect within 15 days of this notice date. In a request for inclusion, please identify the reason(s) why there is an interest to be included. Also please identify any concerns about historic properties, including Traditional Cultural Properties. If historic properties are to be identified within the motion, please use a separate page, and label it NON-PUBLIC Information.

Any such motions may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR385.2001(a)[i][ii][iii] and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp) under the “eFiling” link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on “Quick Comment.” For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208–3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

If no such motions are filed, the restricted service list will be effective at the end of the 15 day period. Otherwise, a further notice will be issued ruling on any motion or motions filed within the 15 day period.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516–459]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company Saluda Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Teleconference With the National Marine Fisheries Service Regarding Preparation of a Biological Assessment for the Saluda Project

May 20, 2010.

On June 16, 2010, there will be a teleconference concerning the above referenced proceeding, initiated from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Headquarters, commencing at 2 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time [EST]) and concluding by 4 p.m. EST.

The purpose of the meeting is to gain a better understanding of why and what is being requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding their request for FERC to prepare a biological assessment for shortnose sturgeon for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project. The South Carolina Electric and Gas Company will also participate in the teleconference.

All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to listen by telephone. The FERC contact for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project is Lee Emery. Please call Lee Emery at (202) 502–8379 by 4 p.m. EST, June 11, 2010, or by e-mail at lee.emery@ferc.gov, to receive specific instructions on how to participate in the teleconference.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.