DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232–522]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Amendment of Project License.
c. Date Filed: May 5, 2017.
e. Name of Project: Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: The project includes 11 developments and is located on the Catawba and Wateree Rivers in Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Catawba, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, and Gaston Counties, North Carolina, and York, Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield, and Kershaw Counties in South Carolina. The project does not occupy federal land.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
h. Applicant Contact: Jeff Lineberger, Director, Water Strategy and Hydro Licensing, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 S. Church St., P.O. Box 1006/EC12Y, Charlotte, NC 28202. Jeff.Lineberger@duke-energy.com.
i. FERC Contact: Michael Calloway at 202–502–8041, or michael.calloway@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eFiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eComment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2232–522.

k. Description of Request: The licensee requests that the Commission amend the project license to include new Water Quality Certificates issued by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on February 27, 2017, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control on April 5, 2017. The new certificates were included in the May 5, 2017, filing. Additionally, the licensee requests that the Commission amend the Flow and Water Quality Implementation Plan and the Water Quality Monitoring Plan in order to: (1) Raise reservoir target elevation by 6 inches at James, Norman, and Wylie developments from May 1 to October 1; (2) change Wylie Hydro Station recreation release from 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 3,000 cfs; (3) update the Low Inflow Protocol and Emergency Protocol; (4) update status and implementation schedules contained in the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and Flow and Water Quality Improvement Plans; and (5) evaluate other technologies in addition to a bladder dam to provide the additional flow releases at Wateree Spillway.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling 202–502–8371. This filing may also 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. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202–502–8639. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.201, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS; PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.201 through 385.205. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the amendment application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: July 13, 2017.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC17–10–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form No. 2 and FERC Form No. 2–A); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection (FERC Form No. 2 (Major Natural Gas Pipeline Annual Report) and FERC Form No. 2–A (Non-major Natural Gas Pipeline Annual Report).) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice April 11, 2017, in the Federal Register requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on these collections and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by August 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control Nos. 1902–0028 and 1902–0030, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC17–10–000, by either of the following methods:

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferclinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC Form No. 2 (Annual Report of Major Natural Gas Companies) and FERC Form No. 2–A (Annual Report of Non-major Natural Gas Companies). The Commission includes the filing requirements as:

OMB Control Nos.: 1902–0028 (FERC Form No. 2) and 1902–0030 (FERC Form No. 2–A).

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC Form No. 2 and FERC Form No. 2–A information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: Pursuant to sections 8, 10 and 14 of the National Gas Act (NGA), (15 U.S.C. 717g–717m. Pub. L. 75–688), the Commission is authorized to make investigations and collect and record data, to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the NGA. The Commission includes the filing requirements in 18 CFR parts 260.1 and 260.2.

The forms provide information concerning a company’s past performance. The information is compiled using a standard chart of accounts contained in the Commission’s Uniform System of Accounts (USofA). The forms contain schedules which include a basic set of financial statements: Comparative Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Cash Flows, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Hedging Activities. Supporting schedules containing supplementary information are filed, including revenues and the related quantities of products sold or transported; account balances for various operating and maintenance expenses; selected plant cost data; and other information.

The information collected in the forms is used by Commission staff, state regulatory agencies and others in the review of the financial condition of regulated companies. The information is also used in various rate proceedings, industry analyses and in the Commission’s audit programs and, as appropriate, for the computation of annual charges based on Page 520 of the forms. The Commission provides the information to the public, interveners and all interested parties to assist in the proceedings before the Commission.

Print versions of the Forms No. 2 and 2–A are located on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#2 and http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#2a respectively.

Type of Respondents: Each natural gas company whose combined gas transported or stored for a fee exceeds 50 million dekatherms in each of the previous three years must file the Form 2. Each natural gas company not meeting the filing threshold for the Form 2 but having total gas sales or volume transactions exceeding 200,000 dekatherms in each of the previous three calendar years must submit the Form 2–A.

Estimate of Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collections as:

FERC FORM NO. 2: ANNUAL REPORT OF MAJOR NATURAL GAS COMPANIES AND FERC FORM NO. 2–A: ANNUAL REPORT OF NON-MAJOR NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

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1 The FERC Form No. 2 and Form 2–A are also part of the Forms Refresh effort (started in Docket No. AD15–11), which is a separate activity and not addressed in this Notice.

2 Burden is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

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4 The estimate of cost per response are derived using the following formula: 2017 Average Burden Hours per Response * $76.50 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. The hourly cost figure of $76.50 is the average FERC employee wage plus benefits. We assume that respondents earn at a similar rate.
Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and costs of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 13, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings