

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. 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.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on August 22, 2005.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E5-4517 Filed 8-18-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2601]

#### **Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area, licensee for the Bryson Project No. 2601, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2601 is located on the Oconaluftee River in Swain County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2601 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2005. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a

license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2601 is issued to Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area for a period effective August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 1, 2006, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area is authorized to continue operation of the Bryson Project No. 2601 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E5-4523 Filed 8-18-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2603]

#### **Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area, licensee for the Franklin Project No. 2603, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations. Project No. 2603 is located on the Little Tennessee River in Macon County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2603 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2005. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable

section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2603 is issued to Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area for a period effective August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 1, 2006, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area is authorized to continue operation of the Franklin Project No. 2603 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E5-4524 Filed 8-18-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6717-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2619]

#### **Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation,