

following LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities:

- A new marine terminal along Lavaca Bay that would include one berth to unload up to 120 LNG ships per year;
- Four 16-inch-diameter stainless steel unloading arms;
- Two single containment LNG storage tanks each with a nominal working volume of approximately 160,000 m³ (1,006,000 barrels);
- Three in-tank pumps per LNG storage;
- Four low pressure (LP) and four high pressure (HP) sendout pumps;
- Six first-stage submerged combustion vaporizers (SCV) and six second-stage SCVs;
- A boil-off gas (BOG) and vapor removal system;
- A flare system that would include a 100-foot flare stack;
- Various support buildings and piping structures at the LNG terminal site;
- 27.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline;
- A 0.25 mile of 8-inch-diameter lateral and 0.25 mile of 16-inch-diameter lateral;
- Ten delivery points/interconnects; and
- A pig launcher facility and mainline valves.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the final EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; public interest groups; libraries, individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; and parties to these proceedings.

Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Reference Docket Nos. CP05-91-000 and CP05-380-000.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 21, 2006.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account, which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meeting scheduled as follows:

August 17, 2006, 7 p.m. (CST), Bauer Community Center, 2300 N. Highway 35, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979. Telephone: (361) 552-1234.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Hard-copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS or provided comments during scoping; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding. A limited number of documents and CD-ROMs are available from the Public Reference Room identified above.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 2503-091]

Duke Power Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 30, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and

waters at the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2503), and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed non-project use. The non-project use of project lands and waters is located on Lake Keowee in Pickens County, South Carolina.

In the application, Duke Power requests Commission authorization to lease 63 acres of project land to Warpath Development, Inc. to construct and maintain a public recreation area at the Warpath Access Area. The public recreation area would include water related facilities and services, outdoor recreation opportunities, lodging, and dining. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued June 30, 2006, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the project number (prefaced by P-) and 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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

June 30, 2006.

As announced in a Notice of Technical Conference issued on May 31, 2006, in the above referenced proceeding, a technical conference will be held in the offices of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC on July 6, 2006, from

approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EST). All interested persons may attend and registration is not required.

The conference will assist in developing a public record in anticipation of the Commission acting on a petition filed by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) for approval of reliability standards. An agenda is included with this notice.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after the Commission receives the transcript.

A free Webcast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its Webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the Webcasts and offers access to the open meetings via television in the DC area and via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703-993-3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8004 (sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

Review of the North American Electric Reliability Council's Proposed Reliability Standards Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Technical Conference

July 6, 2006, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

9:30 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC Chairman.

9:45 a.m.—Introductions, Joseph McClelland, Director, Division of Reliability, Office of Energy Markets and Reliability, FERC.

9:50 a.m.—Panel 1: Effectiveness of North American Electric Reliability Council's (NERC's) Proposed Reliability Standards.

Panelists will provide their views on the proposed Reliability Standards in the context of the May 11, 2006 Staff Preliminary Assessment, focusing on the following questions:

- Do the proposed standards meet the criteria established in Order No. 672¹ for Commission approval?
- To the extent some standards do not meet the criteria, which should be addressed first? Are there some that have a greater impact on reliability?
- Is it appropriate to focus on the Blackout Report recommendations that have not yet been addressed by the standards, or are there other standards that should receive a higher priority?
- Should all Reliability Standards have performance metrics to gauge the effectiveness of the standards? How quickly can such specific performance metrics be developed? Is there another process that could be used to develop metrics for existing standards?
- What are the implications of applying the EPAct definition of the Bulk Power System instead of the NERC definition of the Bulk Electric System?
- How do we define the "Users, Owners, and Operators" of the "Bulk-Power System"?
- How should a work plan be developed that schedules standards for revision? What are the opportunities for participation in this process by the interested stakeholders?
- What coordination is necessary with other State, Federal, and/or international regulators to ensure a good transition to mandatory reliability standards?
- What process should the United States, Canada, and Mexico follow for review and approval of Reliability Standards to meet possible time constraints?

Panelists:

Richard P. (Rick) Sergel, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Council.
 Michael Morris, President and CEO, American Electric Power, on behalf of Edison Electric Institute.
 Charles Yeung, Executive Director, Interregional Affairs, Southwest Power Pool, on behalf of the ISO/RTO Council.
 Scott M. Helyer, Vice President, Transmission, Tenaska, Inc., and Chairman, Energy Standards Working Group, Electric Power Supply Association.
 Canadian Representative, to be announced.

¹ Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards, 114 FERC ¶ 61,104 (2006).