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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13043-000]

BPUS Generation Development, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

December 13, 2007.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.*: 13043-000.

c. *Date Filed*: September 28, 2007.

d. *Applicant*: BPUS Generation Development, LLC.

e. *Name of Project*: New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: Savannah River in Richmond County, Georgia, and Aiken County, South Carolina. It would use the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Jeffrey M. Auser, P.E., BPUS Generation Development, LLC, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, NY 13088, (315) 413-2700.

i. *FERC Contact*: Robert Bell, (202) 502-4126.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, 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. Please include the project number (P-13043-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam and operated in a run-of-river mode would consist of: (1) A new 30-foot long, 30-foot wide, 30-foot high concrete powerhouse; (2) an intake channel and tailrace channel on the South Carolina side of the river, opposite the existing lock; (3) two turbine/generator units with a combined installed capacity of 7 megawatts; (4) a new 10,981-foot long above ground transmission line extending from the switchyard near the powerhouse south

to an interconnection point with an existing transmission line owned by South Carolina Electric and Gas Company; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Project would have an average annual generation of 57 gigawatt-hours.

l. 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 "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCONLINESUPPORT@FERC.GOV. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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[Docket No. RP08-59-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

December 13, 2007.

The Commission's December 5, 2007 order in the above captioned proceeding¹ directed that a technical conference be held to address the issues raised by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia Gas) November 7, 2007 filing proposing to modify its existing SIT Rate Schedule.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 10 a.m. (EST), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Commission Staff and parties will have the opportunity to discuss all of the issues raised by Columbia Gas' proposals to modify its SIT Rate Schedule. Specifically, Columbia Gas should be prepared to address all the concerns raised in the protests, and if necessary, to provide additional technical, engineering, and operational support for its proposals. Any party proposing alternatives to Columbia Gas's proposals should also be prepared to similarly support its position.

FERC 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 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information, please contact Eugene Kim at (202) 502-6858 or e-mail Eugene.Kim@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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¹ *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 121 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2007).