

Bellows Falls—Evening Scoping Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bellows Falls Middle School, 15 School St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

For directions please call Bev Baldasaro at (802) 463-4366.

Vernon, Northfield Mountain, and Turners Falls Projects—Joint Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A., Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221.

For directions please visit: <http://www.greatfallsma.org/>.

Vernon Project—Evening Scoping Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Marlboro College Graduate School, 28 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301, Grad School Common Area, 1st Floor, (802) 258-9200.

For directions please visit: <http://gradschool.marlboro.edu/contact/>.

Northfield Mountain and Turners Falls Projects—Joint Scoping Evening Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A., Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221.

For directions please visit: <http://www.greatfallsma.org/>.

In addition to the six project specific scoping meetings identified above, we will hold a public scoping meeting specifically to identify cumulatively effected resources and to help identify the incremental effect of licensing these five Connecticut River projects with other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions within the Connecticut River Basin. We invite all interested agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and individuals to attend the Cumulative Effects scoping meeting to assist us in identifying cumulatively effected resources and the associated geographic scope that should be analyzed in the EIS. The time and location of that meeting is:

Connecticut River Projects' Cumulative Effects—Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A., Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221.

For directions please visit: <http://www.greatfallsma.org/>.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be

addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

Environmental Site Review

An environmental site review is typically held in conjunction with the Commission's NEPA scoping meetings. However, Commission staff anticipated that access to some project facilities would be limited by winter weather conditions during the early part of 2013 when scoping for these projects was scheduled. For this reason, and to provide all interested stakeholders an opportunity to view the projects' facilities, the Commission hosted the environmental site reviews in October 2012, before the onset of winter. Public notice of the environmental site reviews was issued on August 3, 2012, and published in eight newspapers from the Connecticut River projects' region. The site visits were widely attended by

individuals representing, local, state, and federal government agencies, NGOs, and members of the public. At this time, the Commission does not intend to host any future environmental site reviews for these five Connecticut River projects.

Dated: December 21, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2686-074]

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 Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Shoreline Management Plan.

b. *Project No.:* 2686-074.

c. *Date Filed:* June 29, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* West Fork Project.

f. *Location:* The West Fork Project is located on the West Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dennis J. Whitaker, Manager, Northern Region, Duke Energy Lake Services, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, P.O. Box 1006,1 Charlotte, NC 28201; Phone: (704) 382-1594.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jade Alvey at (202) 502-6864, or email: jade.alvey@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* January 22, 2013.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site 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 or toll

free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2686-074) on any comments, motions, or recommendations 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 whose name appears on 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 Request:* As required by article 408 of the license, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC requests Commission approval of a proposed shoreline management plan (SMP) for the project. The SMP defines shoreline management classifications for the shorelines within the project boundary, identifies allowable uses and prohibited uses within the shoreline areas, and describes the shoreline use evaluation process.

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 (P-2686) 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 1-866-208-3676 or email 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.

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 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. 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 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 commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 385.2010.

Dated: December 21, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2165-050]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Application Type:* Non-project use of project lands and waters.
- b. *Project No:* 2165-050.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 20, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Warrior River Project.

f. *Location:* Smith Lake, Crane Hill, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jason Powers, Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203-8180, (205) 257-1000, jpowers@southernco.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jade Alvey, (202) 502-6864, jade.alvey@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* January 21, 2013.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site 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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2165-050) 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 whose name appears on 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 Application:* Alabama Power Company requests Commission approval to grant Smith RV Resort a permit to use project lands and waters within the project boundary on Smith Lake for the construction of a floating dock (2832 square feet) with 20 tie cleats placed for a total of 10 boat slips. The application also requests permission for approval of a floating day use pier (480 square feet) with 11 temporary mooring cleats. In addition, the application includes an existing dock with 10 boat slips and 20 tie cleats (2802 square feet), a day use pier (294 square feet) with 6 tie cleats, and a boat ramp. The licensee is requesting that the existing and proposed facilities be considered for approval together. The application provides specific