

Settlement Agreement into a new license for the project.

l. A copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2169-022]

#### Notice of Applications for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 18, 2003.

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

- a. *Application Type*: Non-Project Use of Project Lands.
- b. *Project No.*: 2169-022.
- c. *Date Filed*: March 13, 2003.
- d. *Applicant*: Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Tapoco Division (Tapoco).
- e. *Name of Project*: Tapoco Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: The project is located on the Cheoah and Little Tennessee Rivers, in Blount and Monroe Counties, Tennessee, and Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina. The project consists of four developments: Chilhowee, Cheoah, Santeetlah, and Calderwood.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) 825(r) and 799 and 801.
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. J. E. Adams, Tapoco, Inc., 300 N. Hall Road, Alcoa, TN 37701, (423) 977-3333.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Ms. Shana High at (202) 502-8674, or e-mail address: [shana.high@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.high@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: September 2, 2003.

*All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with*: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2169-022) on any comments or motions filed. 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 e-filings.

k. *Description of Request*: Tapoco is seeking Commission authorization to issue a permit for non-project use of project lands and waters. The permit would be issued to modify the existing Santeetlah Marina, LLC. The proposed modification would increase mooring capacity from 100 to 180 watercraft, as needed, and would authorize construction of a new marina store. Santeetlah Marina, LLC is located on the Santeetlah Development, on the Cheoah and Little Tennessee Rivers in Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina.

l. *Location of the Applications*: The filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, 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, please call the Helpline at (866) 208-3676 or contact [FERCONLINESUPPORT@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCONLINESUPPORT@ferc.gov). For TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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. 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 filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described applications. A copy of the applications may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. *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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meeting and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

August 18, 2003.

a. *Type of Application*: Alternative Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.*: 2101.

c. *Applicant*: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

d. *Name of Project*: Upper American River Project.

e. *Location*: In the Rubicon River, Silver Creek, and South Fork American River watersheds in El Dorado and Sacramento counties, California. The project occupies federal lands within the El Dorado National Forest.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* David F. Hanson, Project Manager, Hydro Relicensing at (916) 732-6703.

h. *FERC Contact:* James Fargo at (202) 502-6095; e-mail [james.fargo@ferc.gov](mailto:james.fargo@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* September 17, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "e-library" link.

k. The Upper American River Project facilities consist of several existing reservoirs, a series of powerhouses and about 180 miles of transmission line. The project has a total installed capacity of 688,000 kilowatts.

**Scoping Process**

SMUD will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

SMUD expects to file the APEA and the license application for the Upper American River Project with the

Commission by July 2005. Although SMUD's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

**Scoping Meetings**

SMUD and the Commission staff will hold three scoping meetings, (1) in the daytime and (2) in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend any of the meetings, and to help the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
September 9, Tuesday .....	6 p.m.-8 p.m .....	SMUD Customer Services Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento.
September 10, Wednesday .....	9 a.m.-4 p.m .....	SMUD Customer Services Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento.
September 11, Thursday .....	6 p.m.-8 p.m .....	Building C, County Government Center, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville.

To help focus discussions, Scoping Document 1 is available for public review at the Sacramento Public Library (828 I Street), the El Dorado County Library (345 Fair Lane, Placerville) and on SMUD's hydro relicensing Web page <http://www.smud.org/relicensing>. Scoping Document 1 outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA.

SD1 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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

**Objectives**

At the scoping meetings, the SMUD and FERC staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staffs' preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

**Procedures**

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of

the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to help define and clarify the issues to be addressed in the APEA.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7548-5]

**Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; New Membership**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) has