

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2686–054]

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

November 30, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879) the Office of Energy Projects has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for an application filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (licensee) on January 16, 2007, requesting Commission approval of a non-project use of project lands. The licensee requests permission to grant to The Point at Lake Glenville (The Point) a lease for 0.55 acre of project land and permission to install a private cluster dock with a capacity of 10 watercraft at the Westfork Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2686). The project is located on the West Fork of the Tuckasegee River near the town of Cashiers in Jackson County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

The EA evaluates the environmental impacts that would result from approving the licensee's proposal to grant The Point a lease and permission to replace an existing 5-slip private cluster dock with the proposed 10-slip private cluster dock. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2686) 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.

Any comments should be filed by January 2, 2008 and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please reference the project name and project number (P-2686) on all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via 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 under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Chris Yeakel at (202) 502-8132.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 618–170]

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

November 30, 2007.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Request for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirement.

b. *Project No.:* 618–170.

c. *Date Filed:* November 26, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Jordan Dam.

f. *Location:* On the Coosa River, in Elmore, Chilton, and Coosa Counties, Alabama.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Barry Lovett, Alabama Power Company, 600 N.18th Street, P.O. Box 2641, Birmingham, AL 35291, (205) 257-1258.

i. *FERC Contact:* Peter Yarrington, [peter.yarrington@ferc.gov](mailto:peter.yarrington@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6129.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protests:* December 17, 2007.

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.

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. A copy of any

motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:* The Alabama Power Company (APC) is requesting a 90-day variance of the Jordan Dam Project's minimum flow requirements due to continuing drought conditions in the Southeast, and to allow continuation of a study of the effects of minimum flow reductions on aquatic resources, including the federally endangered Tulotoma snail, *Tulotoma magnifica*. Drought conditions in the Coosa River Basin continue to be rated "exceptional," the most severe category recognized by the U.S. Drought Monitoring Program. The project license requires a flow release of 2,000 cfs July 1 through March 31. The licensee proposes to provide a flow of 1,600 cfs (+/- 5%) at Jordan Dam during the 90-day variance, to begin December 2, 2007.

l. *Location of the Application:* The filing 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, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docsfiling/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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. 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