

Applicant proposes no new facilities, but proposes to add 33.73 acres of lands of the Plumas National Forest to the project because of historical and future project use of these lands.

m. A copy of the application 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 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.

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n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Public Scoping Meeting

Date: Tuesday May 20, 2003.
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Veterans Memorial Hall.
Address: 225 Gay Street, Chester, CA.

Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday May 21, 2003.
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Pacific Gas and Electric Company Facility.
Address: 460 Rio Lindo Road, Chico, CA.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to

the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web 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 or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Site Visit

The Applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Monday May 19, 2003, and continuing at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 20, 2003. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the parking area on the Lake Almanor Dam (also known as Canyon Dam) off Highway 89, just west of its intersection with Highway 147. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Tom Jereb of PG&E at 415-973-9320.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS. (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 EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; 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 are recorded by a stenographer and 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 meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2177-053]

Notice of Application and Applicant-Prepared EA Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, and Soliciting Comments, and Final Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

April 25, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and applicant-prepared environmental assessment has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2177-053.

c. *Date filed:* December 13, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Georgia Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Chattahoochee Project.

f. *Location:* On the Chattahoochee River, in Harris and Muscogee Counties, Georgia; Lee and Russell Counties, Alabama; near the cities of Columbus, Georgia and Phenix City Alabama. The project does not affect Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Georgia Martin, Relicensing Project Manger, Georgia Power Company, 22nd Floor, Bin 10221, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd., NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, (404) 506-1357 or gamartin@southernco.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ronald McKitrick, (770) 452-3778 or ronald.mckitrick@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, and final recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice.

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 require all intervenors 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.

Motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing.

l. The proposed Middle Chattahoochee Project includes three developments:

Goat Rock Development consisting of: (1) A 965-acre impoundment; (2) a 75-foot-high concrete reinforced dam located at river mile (RM) 172.2; (3) a 909.5-foot-long fixed crest spillway structure topped with 4-foot-high wooden flashboards; (4) a 200-foot-long and 77-foot-long non-overflow section; (5) a 173-foot-long combined powerhouse and intake section; (6) four trash gates on the east end of the intake having a total length of 74 feet; (7) two new horizontal generating units (to replace 2 existing units) with a nameplate rating of 8.7 MW each, one horizontal generating unit with a nameplate rating of 6.9 MW, and three horizontal generating units with a nameplate rating of 5.0 MW; (8) a total generating capacity of 39.3 MW, a total hydraulic capacity of 9,877 cfs, and average annual generation of 151,120,490 kWh.

Oliver Development consisting of: (1) A 2,280-acre impoundment; (2) a 70-foot-high concrete reinforced dam located at RM 163.5; (3) a 1,324-foot-long gated spillway structure which includes 33 16-foot-high by 35-foot-long radial-arm taintor gates, and one 16-foot-high by 11-foot-long trash gate; (4) a 284-foot-long and 215-foot-long non-overflow section; (5) a 198-foot-long combined powerhouse and intake section; (6) three vertical generating units with a nameplate rating of 18 MW each, and one vertical generating unit with a nameplate rating of 6.0 MW; and (7) a total generating capacity of 60 MW, a total hydraulic capacity of 12,496 cfs, and average annual generation of 234,019,210 kWh.

North Highlands Development consisting of: (1) A 131-acre impoundment; (2) a 36-foot-high concrete reinforced dam located at RM 162.5 (3) a curved 705-foot-long spillway section topped with 3.6-foot-high flashboards; (4) a 46-foot-long and 40-foot-long non-overflow section; (5) a 193-foot-long combined power house and intake section; (6) three vertical generating units with a nameplate rating of 9.2 MW each, and one vertical generating unit with a nameplate rating of 2.0 MW; (7) a total generating capacity of 29.6 MW, a total hydraulic

capacity of 13,031 cfs, and average annual generation of 138,832,160 kWh.

The three developments of the Middle Chattahoochee Project have a total installed capacity of 128.9 megawatts (MW) and generates about 524,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) of electric energy annually. All generated power is utilized within the applicant's electric utility system.

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n. 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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (*see* Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application and APEA be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Notice soliciting final terms and conditions: April 2003.

Deadline for Agency Recommendations: June 2003.

Deadline for Reply Comments: August 2003.

Notice of the availability of the EA: November 2003.

Public Comments on EA due: January 2004.

Ready for Commission's decision on the application: April 2004.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application 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 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5334-019—Michigan]

Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Ford Lake Hydroelectric Station; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included in or Eligible for Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

April 25, 2003.

Rule 2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure