

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

[P-2602-007]

**Duke Power; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

January 21, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Surrender of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2602-007.

c. *Date filed:* May 26, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Power.

e. *Name of Project:* Dillsboro Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Tuckasegee River, in Jackson County, North Carolina. 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:* John C. Wishon, Nantahala Area Relicensing Project Manager, Duke Power, 301 NP&L Loop, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 369-4604, [jcwishon@duke-energy.com](mailto:jcwishon@duke-energy.com)

i. *FERC Contact:* Carolyn Holsopple at (202) 502-6407 or [carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date 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.

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 and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. Duke Power filed an application to surrender its major license for the Dillsboro Hydroelectric Project. Duke requests that the Commission approve the following: (1) Continue operating the Dillsboro Project under the terms of the current license until dam removal begins; (2) Decommission the dam and powerhouse and complete dam removal and powerhouse closure/removal within three years following the final FERC approval order; (3) Prepare and obtain FERC approval of, and implement an environmental monitoring plan in association with the dam removal, including completion of the Duke implemented portions of any post-removal stream restoration and annual monitoring within two years following completion of the dam removal. Also included in the surrender application was the Tuckasegee/Nantahala Settlement Agreements which were filed on January 26, 2004 as part of the relicensing applications for the East Fork (P-2698), West Fork (P-2686), Nantahala (P-2692), Bryson (P-2601), Franklin (P-2603), and Mission (P-2619) Hydroelectric Projects. The settlement agreements provide various environmental enhancement measures, which include the removal of the Dillsboro Dam and Powerhouse.

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 "eLibrary" 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.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of

intent may be filed in response to this notice.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "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 submitting the filing; 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. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on 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**

[P-2686-032]

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January 21, 2005.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 2686-032.

c. *Date filed:* January 26, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Power.

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

f. *Location:* On the West Fork of the Tuckasegee River, in Jackson County, North Carolina. 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:* John C. Wishon, Nantahala Area Relicensing Project Manager, Duke Power, 301 NP&L Loop, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 369-4604, [jcwishon@duke-energy.com](mailto:jcwishon@duke-energy.com).