

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for

review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* January 19, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 349-168; 2407-134]

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

December 30, 2010.

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

a: *Application Type:* Request for drought-based temporary variance of the Martin Project rule curve and minimum flow releases at the Yates and Thurlow Project.

b: *Project Nos.:* 349-168 and 2407-134.

c: *Date Filed:* November 30, 2010.

d: *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.

e: *Name of Project:* Martin Hydroelectric Project (P-349) and Yates and Thurlow Hydroelectric Project (P-2407).

f: *Location:* The Martin Dam Project is located on the Tallapoosa River in the counties of Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa, Alabama. The Yates and Thurlow Project is located on the Tallapoosa River in the counties of Elmore and Tallapoosa, Alabama.

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

h: *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jason Powers, Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-8180, Tel: (205) 257-4070.

i: *FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, [christopher.chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.chaney@ferc.gov).

j: *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* 15

days from the issuance date of this notice.

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 <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](mailto: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: 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.

k: *Description of Request:* Alabama Power is requesting a drought-based temporary variance to the Martin Project rule curve. The rule curve variance would be in effect from the date of Commission approval to March 1, 2011, and would allow the licensee to maintain the winter pool elevation 3 feet higher than normal, at elevation 483 feet instead of elevation 480 feet. In association with the Martin rule curve variance, the minimum flows from the Thurlow reservoir (P-2407) would be temporarily modified as follows until May 1, 2011: (1) When downstream Alabama River flows are reduced 10%, discharge would be the greater of 1/2 Yates inflow or 2 times inflow at the upstream Heflin gage; (2) when downstream Alabama River flows are reduced 20%, the discharge would be 350 cfs; and (3) if Alabama River flows are reduced to 2,000 dsf, the discharge would be 400 cfs.

l: 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. 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.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "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.

Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application 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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northeast Supply Diversification Project and Ellisburg to Craigs Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 30, 2010.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company.	Docket No. CP11-30-000
Dominion Transmission, Inc.	Docket No. CP11-41-000

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of two related projects proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP) and Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI). TGP's Northeast Supply Diversification Project would involve construction and operation of facilities in Tioga and Bradford Counties, Pennsylvania and in Niagara, Erie, and Livingston Counties, New York. DTI's Ellisburg to Craigs Project would involve construction and operation of facilities in Livingston and Wyoming Counties, New York and Potter County, Pennsylvania. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on January 31, 2011.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for these projects. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of these planned projects and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the projects are

approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice TGP and DTI provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### Summary of the Proposed Projects

TGP proposes to construct and operate 6.8 miles of natural gas pipeline loop,<sup>1</sup> modifications at an existing meter station and compressor station, and other appurtenant facilities. The Northeast Supply Diversification Project would provide TGP with up to 150,000 dekatherms (Dth/d) per day of leased capacity from DTI. According to TGP and DTI, their projects would increase natural gas delivery capacity in the northeast region of the U.S.

The Northeast Supply Diversification Project would consist of the following facilities:

- 6.8 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Tioga and Bradford Counties, Pennsylvania;
- Piping/valve modifications at existing Compressor Station 230C in Niagara County, New York;
- A new pig<sup>2</sup> receiver at existing Compressor Station 317 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania;
- Modifications at five existing meter stations in Erie and Niagara Counties, New York; and
- Tap replacement at an existing interconnection between TGP's 200 Line and DTI's pipeline system in Livingston County, New York.

DTI proposes to construct compression, metering, pipeline, and pressure regulation facilities to provide the proposed leased capacity to TGP. The Ellisburg to Craigs Project would consist of the following facilities:

- A new 10,800 horsepower compressor station in Wyoming County, New York;

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and is used for cleaning the pipeline, internal inspections, or other purposes.