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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-11-29-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 16, 1998.

Take notice that on April 8, 1998 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets to which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing, with an effective date of April 1, 1998.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to storage service purchased from CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) under its Rate Schedule GSS, the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Rate Schedules GSS and LSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to tracking provisions under Section 3 of Transco's Rate Schedule GSS and Section 4 of Transco's Rate Schedule LSS.

Transco states that included in Appendix B attached to the filing are explanations of the rate changes and details regarding the computation of the revised Rate Schedule GSS and LSS rates.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission

in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-157-001]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 16, 1998.

Take notice that on April 13, 1998, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective April 9, 1998:

Sub Original Sheet No. 59A

Sub Original Sheet No. 65A

Trunkline states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions issued on April 8, 1998 in Docket No. RP98-157-001, 83 FERC ¶ 61,016. The revised tariff sheets included herewith reflect the agreed upon language for Section 2.6(C)(1) in Rate Schedules NNS-1 and NNS-2.

Trunkline states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers, applicable state regulatory agencies and all parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-342]

Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 16, 1998.

A environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by the Duke Energy Corporation, licensee for the Catawba-Wataree Hydroelectric Project. In its application, the licensee requests permission to grant an easement to Ipswitch Bay, LLC to construct a private residential marina consisting of five docks on Lake Norman near Mooresville in Iredell County, North Carolina. The proposal also involves dredging a 60,000 square foot area of the lake (amounting to 8,500 cubic yards of sediment).

Based on the environmental analyses presented in the EA, the Commission's staff has recommended allowing Duke Energy Corporation to grant the proposed easement for non-project use of project land. The EA finds that the proposed action would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's public reference room at (202) 208-1371.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2354-018-GA]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 16, 1998.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was

prepared for an application filed by the Georgia Power Company on January 29, 1998, requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the Clayton-Rabun County Water Authority (Authority) to increase its water withdrawal from Lake Rabun reservoir for municipal water supply from 806,000 gallons per day (gpd) currently to 2.0 million gpd.

The EA evaluates the environmental impacts that would result from permitting the Authority to increase its water withdrawal from Lake Rabun reservoir, as discussed above. Existing pumps and water treatment facilities at the site are able to accommodate this increased water withdrawal; consequently, the proposed action would not require any new construction activity.

The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies also may be obtained by calling the EA coordinator, Jim Haimes, at (202) 219-2780.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-280]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 16, 1998.

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 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for an application for approval of non-project use of project lands and change of land rights on Lake Murray. South Carolina Gas & Electric Company (licensee) proposes to sell to Larry Koon and James Cromer (developers) 20.5 acres of project lands for residential purposes. The licensee also proposes to allow use of the lake's

75-foot buffer strip to provide parking and vehicular access to an approved Willows End Marina. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Saluda Project is located on the Saluda River in Richland, Lexington, Saluda and Newberry Counties, near Columbia, South Carolina.

The EA was written by staff in the office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6000-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Environmental Documentation and Associated Reporting for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Environmental Documentation and Associated Reporting for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica, EPA ICR No. 1808.02, OMB Control No. 2020-0007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 1998.

CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST: For a copy of the ICR or for further information on this project, contact Mr. Joseph Montgomery or Ms. Katherine Biggs, Office of Federal Activities (2252A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington,

DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-7157 or (202) 564-7144, respectively. Information on this project, including the Supporting Statement for this ICR, is also available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are nongovernmental operators, including tour operators, conducting expeditions to Antarctica.

Title: Environmental Documentation and Associated Reporting for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica, EPA ICR No. 1808.02, OMB Control No. 2020-0007, expiring August 8, 1998.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated an Interim Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica, 40 CFR part 8, in accordance with the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Interim Final Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Interim Final Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized in or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. Expeditions may include ship-based tours; yacht, skiing or mountaineering expeditions; privately funded research expeditions; and other nongovernmental or nongovernmental-sponsored activities. The Interim Final Rule does not apply to individual U.S. citizens or groups of citizens planning to travel to Antarctica on an expedition for which they are not acting as an operator. (Operators, for example, typically acquire use of vessels or aircraft, hire expedition staff, plan itineraries, and undertake other organizational responsibilities.)

Environmental Documentation.

Persons subject to the Interim Final Rule at 40 CFR part 8 must prepare environmental documentation, as appropriate, to support the operator's determination regarding the level of environmental impact of the proposed expedition. Environmental