

licensing of BC#4 could constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for BC#4 in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The staff's EIS will objectively consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives, and will include economic and engineering analyses.

A draft EIS (DEIS) will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the DEIS will be analyzed by the staff and considered in the final EIS (FEIS). The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

This notice informs all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns, that: (1) the Commission staff has decided to prepare an EIS; (2) the scoping meetings held December 15 and 16, 1997, at the offices of the Sierra National Forest in North Fork and Clovis, California, and comments filed with the Commission by February 20, 1997—still apply; and (3) additional comments for BC#4 that may result from the change from an EA to an EIS may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, within 30 days from the date of this notice.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption of the first page: Big Creek No. 4 Hydropower Project, (FERC Project No. 2017-011)

Intervenors—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list.¹ Further, if a party or 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.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to John Ramer,

Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2833 or John.Ramer@FERC.Fed.US.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Applications Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

February 3, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

a. *Type of applications:* Two New Major Licenses and Three Subsequent Licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 2897-003, 2931-002, 2932-003, 2941-002, and 2942-005.

c. *Date filed:* January 22, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* S.D. Warren Company.

e. *Name of Projects:* Saccarappa Project, Gambo Project, Mallison Falls Project, Little Falls Project, and Dundee Project.

f. *Location:* On the Presumpscot River, near the towns of Windham, Gorham, and Westbrook, in Cumberland County, Maine. These projects do not utilize any federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Tom Howard, S.D. Warren Company, 89 Cumberland Street/P.O. Box 5000, Westbrook, ME 04098-1597, (207) 856-4286.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Bob Easton, E-mail address robert.easton@ferc.fed.us or telephone at (202) 219-2782.

j. *Deadline for filing additional study requests:* March 23, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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. *Status of environmental analysis:* These applications are not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Brief Description of the Projects:*

Saccarappa: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 322-foot-long diversion dam consisting of two concrete overflow structures separated by an island; (2) two bypassed reaches measuring 475 and 390 feet long; (3) a 380-foot-long and 36-foot-wide intake canal; (4) a 49-foot-wide by 71-foot-long masonry powerhouse; (5) three turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 450 kilowatts (KW) for a total project installed capacity of 1,350 KW; (6) a 345-foot-long tailrace formed by a 33-foot-high guard wall; (7) a 1-mile-long 2.3 KV transmission line/generator lead; and (8) other appurtenances.

Gambo: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 250-foot-long, 24-foot-high concrete overflow section and 50-foot-long intake structure; (2) a 737-foot-long and 15-foot-deep concrete lined intake canal; (3) a 47-foot-wide by 78-foot-long reinforced concrete and brick powerhouse; (4) two turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 950 KW for a total project installed capacity of 1,900 KW; (5) a 300-foot-long bypassed reach; (6) an 8-mile-long 11 KV transmission line; and (7) other appurtenances.

Mallison Falls: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 358-foot-long and 14-foot-high reinforced concrete, masonry, and cut granite diversion dam; (2) a 70-foot-long headgate structure; (3) a 675-foot-long, 41-foot-wide, and 6-foot-deep bedrock lined intake canal; (4) a 33-foot-wide by 51-foot-long reinforced concrete and masonry powerhouse; (5) two turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 400 KW for a total project installed capacity of 800 KW; (6) a 675-foot-long bypassed reach; (7) an 11 KV transmission line tied into the Gambo Project transmission line; and (8) other appurtenances.

Little Falls: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 330-foot-long and 14-foot-high reinforced concrete and masonry dam incorporating a 70-foot-long intake structure; (2) a 25-foot-wide by 95-foot-long masonry powerhouse which is integral to the dam; (3) four turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 250 KW for a total project installed capacity of 1,000 KW; (4) a 300-foot-long bypassed reach; (5) an 11 KV transmission line tied into the Gambo Project transmission line; and (6) other appurtenances.

¹ The official service list can be obtained by calling the Office of the Secretary, Dockets Branch, at (202) 208-2020.

Dundee: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 1,492-foot-long dam, consisting of a 150-foot-long, 42-foot-high concrete spillway section flanked by two 50-foot-high earthen embankments, a 90-foot-long and 50-foot-high non-overflow section, and a 27-foot-long gate section; (2) a 44-foot-wide by 74-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse which is integral to the spillway section of the dam; (4) three turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 800 KW for a total project installed capacity of 2,400 KW; (5) a 1,075-foot-long bypassed reach; (6) a 1,075-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, and 11-foot-deep tailrace; (3) two 10-mile long 11 KV transmission lines; and (7) other appurtenances.

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application 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) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR at 800.4.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Proposed Rate Extension, Public Forum, and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment for Cumberland System of Projects

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rates.

SUMMARY: Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) proposes to replace Rate Schedules SJ-1, CBR-1-C, CSI-1-C, CK-1-C, CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, and CTV-1-C applicable to the sale of power from the Cumberland System of Projects and seeks approval of Rate Schedules SJ-1-A, CBR-1-D, CSI-1-D, CK-1-D, CC-1-E, CM-1-D, CEK-1-D, and CTV-1-D. The new rate schedules are to be effective for a 5-year period, July 1, 1999, through July 30, 2004. Additionally, opportunities will be available for interested persons to review the present rates, the proposed rates and supporting studies, to participate in a forum and to submit written comments. Southeastern will evaluate all comments received in this process.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before May 10, 1999. A public information and comment forum will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on March 16, 1999. Persons desiring to speak at a forum should notify Southeastern at least three days before the forum is scheduled, so that a list of forum participants can be prepared. Others may speak if time permits.

ADDRESSES: Five copies of written comments should be submitted to: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia, 30635. The public information and comment forum will begin at 10:00 A. M. (local

Nashville time) on March 16, 1999 at the Clubhouse Inn/Conference Center, 920 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203, Phone (615) 244-0150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance and Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia, 30635, (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by orders issued December 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-3021-000, and August 11, 1997, in Docket No. EF97-3021-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SJ-1, CBR-1-C, CSI-1-C, CK-1-C, CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, and CTV-1-C applicable to Cumberland System power for a period ending June 30, 1999.

Discussion: Existing rate schedules are predicated upon a June 1994 repayment study and other supporting data contained in FERC Docket No. EF94-3021-000 and upon an October 1997 repayment study and other supporting data contained in FERC Docket No. EF97-3021-000. The current repayment study dated January 1999 shows that existing rates are not adequate to recover all costs required by present repayment criteria.

A revised repayment study with a revenue increase of \$2,272,000 over the current repayment study demonstrates that rates would be adequate to meet repayment criteria. The additional revenue requirement amounts to a 6 per cent increase in revenues and is due to anticipated increased transmission costs Southeastern pays to Tennessee Valley Authority. The study includes retirement and pension benefit costs not previously recovered. It is proposed that the revised rate schedules contain the following unit rates:

CUMBERLAND SYSTEM RATES

TVA Rate Schedule:	
Capacity	\$1.434 per kw/month
Additional Energy	8.631 mills per kwh
Outside Preference Customers Rate Schedule (Excluding Customers served through Carolina Power & Light Company):	
Capacity	\$2.900 per kw/month
Additional Energy	8.631 mills per kwh
Customers Served through Carolina Power & Light Company, Western Division:	
Capacity	\$3.301 per kw/month
Transmission	\$1.2828 per kw/month
Monongahela Power Company Energy	The lower of 34.2 mills or Monongahela Power Company's avoided cost.