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free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FERC-715 ("Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report," OMB Control No. 1902-0171) is a mandatory filing described at 18 CFR 141.300. The FERC-715 must be submitted by each transmitting utility that operates integrated (that is, non-radial) transmission facilities at or above 100 kilovolts. [An overview and instructions for filing the FERC-715 are posted on the FERC Web site at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eforms/form-715/instructions.asp>.]

Section 213 (b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, requires FERC to collect, annually from transmitting utilities, sufficient information about their transmission systems to inform potential transmission customers, state regulatory authorities, and the public, of available transmission capacity and constraints. FERC-715 also supports the Commission's expanded responsibilities under Sections 211, 212, 213(a), 304, 307(a), 309, and 311 of the FPA, as amended, for reviewing reliability issues, market structure relationships, and in rate and other regulatory proceedings.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current reporting requirements, with no change.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows.

| FERC data collection | Number of respondents annually (1) | Number of responses per respondent (2) | Average burden hours per response (3) | Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| FERC-715 | 183 | 1 | 160 | 29,280 |

Note: These figures may not be exact, due to rounding.

The total estimated annual cost burden¹ to respondents is \$1,806,026.90 $\{[(29,280 \text{ hrs.})/(2,080 \text{ hrs./yr.})] \times (\$128,297 \text{ per yr.})\}$.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or

overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-912-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-912); Comment Request; Extension

September 9, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due November 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: An example of this collection of information may be obtained from the Commission's Web site (at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>). Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-912-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in

¹ Employees work an average of 2,080 hours per year, at an estimated cost of \$128,297 per year.

compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. First time users will have to establish a user name and password (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>) before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments through eFiling.

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the "eLibrary" link and searching on Docket Number IC09-912. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support (e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC-912 ("Cogeneration and Small Power Production, PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations for Termination or Reinstatement of Obligation to Purchase or Sell," OMB Control No. 1902-0237) ¹ covers the reporting requirements in 18 CFR Part 292.

On August 8, 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005, Pub. L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005)) was signed into law. Section 1253(a) of EPAct 2005 amends section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) by adding subsection (m), that provides for the termination and reinstatement of an electric utility's obligation to purchase and sell energy

and capacity. The implementing regulations in 18 CFR part 292 (18 CFR 292.309-292.313) provide procedures for:

- An electric utility to file an application for the termination of its obligation to purchase energy from a Qualifying Facility (QF) (18 CFR 292.310);
- An affected entity or person to apply to the Commission for an order reinstating the electric utility's obligation to purchase energy from a QF (18 CFR 292.311);
- An electric utility to file an application for the termination of its obligation to sell energy and capacity to QFs (18 CFR 292.312);
- An affected entity or person to apply to the Commission for an order reinstating the electric utility's obligation to sell energy and capacity to QFs (18 CFR 292.313).

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current FERC-912 reporting requirements, with no change.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual public reporting burden for FERC-912 follows.

| FERC-912 | Annual No. of respondents | Average No. of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) × (2) × (3) |
| Termination of obligation to purchase in § 292.310 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 48 |
| Reinstatement of obligation to purchase in § 292.311 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 13 |
| Termination of obligation to sell in § 292.312 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 |
| Reinstatement of obligation to sell in § 292.313 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 13 |
| Totals | | | | 86 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,304.58 [(86 hours/2,080 hours ² per year) × \$128,297 ³ per year].

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining,

disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct

and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information

¹ During its history, "FERC-912" has been known by various 'names' and OMB control numbers. Originally, FERC had wanted to include FERC-912 requirements in the FERC-556 'umbrella' of requirements. Because FERC-556 ("Cogeneration and Small Power Production;" OMB Control No. 1902-0075) was pending OMB review of another rulemaking (in Docket No. RM05-36-000) prior to the issuance of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in RM06-10, the Commission used a temporary identifier of "FERC-912".

"FERC-912" was originally assigned the OMB Control No. 1902-0219 at the NOPR stage. However, prior to issuance of the final rule in Docket RM06-10, OMB Control No. 1902-0219 was eliminated from OMB's inventory.

FERC-556 (OMB Control No. 1902-0075) was then approved in RM05-36, so FERC used the "FERC-912(556)" identifier in the Final Rule in RM06-10. The Commission planned to transfer the hours associated with "FERC-912(556)" in RM06-

10 to FERC-556. Page two of the OMB approval (dated 2/23/2007) for ICR Reference Number 200611-1902-003 listed OMB Control No. 1902-0237 as FERC-556.

Currently FERC-556 (OMB Control No. 1902-0075) is pending OMB review, so this collection is being called "FERC-912" and is being submitted separately. FERC-556 is not a subject of this Notice.

² Number of hours an employee works each year.

³ Estimated mean annual salary of a lawyer.

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2602-029]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

September 9, 2009.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of Project Boundary.

b. *Project No.:* 2602-029.

c. *Date Filed:* May 29, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Dillsboro Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Tuckaseegee River in the town of Dillsboro in Jackson County, North Carolina.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Whittaker, Winston and Strawn LLP, 1700 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006 (202) 282-5766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Steven Sachs at (202) 502-8666 or Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* October 9, 2009.

Please include the project number (P-2602) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (an original and eight copies) must be filed with:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments and recommendations may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC proposes to include within the project boundary about 1,600 feet of land between the full pond contour of the Dillsboro Project reservoir and the western edge of River Road, and approximately 1,000 feet of land between the full pond contour and the eastern edge of Mockingbird Lane. The lands in question are identified as Jackson County, NC tax parcel Nos. 7631-44-2809, 7631-44-2597, 7631-44-3352, and 7631-35-5169. The amendment would add to the project about 11 acres of land upstream of the dam. The applicant states this land is required to perform the sand dredging operation as approved by the Commission.

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the licensee's filing 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) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docsfiling/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free at 1-866-208-3372 or e-mail ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also

available for inspection and reproduction at the address listed in item (h) above.

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

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* 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, and 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 (see item (j) above).

o. Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "RECOMMENDATIONS", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments:* 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

[Project No. 13530-000]

City of Keene, NH; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

September 9, 2009.

On July 6, 2009, the City of Keene, New Hampshire filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Ashuelot River Dam Project, to be located on the Ashuelot