

the calculated model errors at the zonal level?

4. According to information provided in the AEMA complaint in Docket No. EL17-36-000, Baltimore Gas & Electric (BG&E) worked with PJM in Maryland Public Service Commission Rate Case No. 9406 to reflect its air-conditioner direct control program into an alternate load forecast for its zone, but not at the full load reduction that the program can produce. Please describe the processes involved in creating that alternative load forecast and the assumptions underlying BG&E's partial adjustment.

5. In PJM's June 2017 white paper "Demand Response Strategy", PJM stated "Ideally, PJM would have a truly unrestricted peak-load forecast with a complete understanding of explicit (dispatch and/or managed by PJM) versus implicit (managed by LSE, EDC or end-use customer) DR, allowing more visibility to quantify forecast risk."⁹ Please describe the steps PJM is taking to accomplish this goal. Are these steps sufficient to accomplish this goal? Why or why not? How is PJM working to change its load forecasting methodology to achieve this goal?

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2331-083]

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

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

a. *Type of Application:* Non-Project Use Application.

b. *Project No:* 2331-083.

c. *Date Filed:* May 25, 2018.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Ninety-Nine Islands Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Broad River in Cherokee County South Carolina.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Lineberger, Director, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,

526 S. Church Street—Mail Stop EC12Y, Charlotte, NC 28202, Jeff.Lineberger@duke-energy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Calloway at 202-502-8041, or michael.calloway@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2331-083.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests Commission approval to allow Thomas Sand Company, Inc. to utilize 33.51 acres of project lands and waters in the upper part of the project reservoir for mining and processing sand. The mining facility has the capacity to withdraw 2.88 million gallons of water per day for processing sand even though it does not achieve this amount daily in practice. The water is returned to the river after processing. The mine has extracted 42,000 tons of sand per year on average since operations began. The licensee proposes that the Thomas Sand Mine will operate under the conditions of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (South Carolina DHEC) Section 401 Water Quality Certification P/N SAC 2017-01073, South Carolina DHEC Mining Permit No. 0869, and National Pollutant Discharge Permit for Discharges Associated with Nonmetal Mineral Mining Facilities Permit No. SCG730627.

l. *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 202-502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call 202-502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address 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, .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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS; PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the non-project use application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the

⁹ PJM Interconnection, *Demand Response Strategy* at 30-31, (Jun. 2017), available at <http://www.pjm.com/-/media/library/reports-notices/demand-response/20170628-pjm-demand-response-strategy.ashx>.

Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: June 13, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP18-37-000; CP18-38-000]

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC Proposed Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project, proposed by Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC (Sierrita) in the above-referenced dockets. Sierrita filed an application in Docket No. CP18-37-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. Specifically, Sierrita requests authorization to construct a new 15,900 horsepower natural gas compressor station on its existing Line No. 2177 pipeline system in Pima County, Arizona. Additionally, in Docket No. CP18-38-000, Sierrita is requesting an amendment to its section 3 authorization and its Presidential Permit.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Sierrita Compressor Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

- One new 15,900 horsepower compressor station (Sierrita Compressor Station);
- approximately 1,000 feet of suction and discharge piping and various station yard auxiliary facilities to connect the Sierrita Compressor Station with Sierrita's existing Line No. 2177;

- one new 10-inch Ultrasonic meter at the existing San Joaquin Meter Station on Line No. 2177; and
- the relocation of the existing Mainline Valve 2 and an associated inspection tool launcher and receiver from milepost 1.2 to milepost 6.5 on Line No. 2177.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 13, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances please reference the applicable project docket number (CP18-37 and/or CP18-38) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file

with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. You must select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP18-37). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called *eSubscription* which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
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