

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2232-480-NC]****Duke Power; A Division of Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

May 23, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Catawba-Wateree Project (FERC No. 2232), and has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed non-project use. The project is located on Lake Wylie in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

In the application, Duke Power (licensee) requests Commission authorization to lease to The Sanctuary at Lake Wylie, LLC and The Sanctuary Property Owners Association (The Sanctuary) 0.461 acre of project land for a commercial residential marina. The Sanctuary proposes to construct one cluster dock with ten boat slips and a covered fishing pier located adjacent to the cluster dock, an irrigation intake structure, and install 20,000 feet of shoreline stabilization. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application, with staff's recommended environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Modifying and Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters", issued May 23, 2006. The EA is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the dock number (prefaced by P-2232) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

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

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project Nos. 20-065]****PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Environment Assessment**

May 23, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's authorization to remove its Cove development and reduce the minimum flow required in the bypassed reach of the Grace development. The project is located on the Bear River in Caribou and Franklin Counties, Idaho. An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared.

In the EA, the Commission's staff concludes that approval of the licensee's application, with adoption of staff's recommendations, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Amending License and Revising Annual Charges", issued May 23, 2006, and is available at the Commission's Public Reference Room. A copy of the EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-20) in the docket field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP06-018-000]****Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Essex-Middlesex Project**

May 24, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed to be constructed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee Gas) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The 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 EA assesses the potential environmental effects of:

- 7.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts;
- One tie-in facility at the northern terminus, milepost 7.83;
- One new pig receiver at the north end, milepost 7.62; and
- One tie-in facility at the southern terminus, milepost 0.0.

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase its ability to receive and transport gas into the Northeast natural gas pipeline network by constructing its facilities in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts, to provide up to 82,300 decatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to

ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.

Reference Docket No. CP06-018-000; and

Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 23, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments, you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. 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).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. 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 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-

3676, TTY (202) 502-8659 or at FERCOnlineSupport@FERC. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now 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 <http://www.ferc.gov>, click on "eSubscription" and then click on "Sign-up."

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-023]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Mississippi Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

May 23, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will address the environmental impacts of the Mississippi Expansion Project proposed by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South). The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether or not to authorize the project. This notice explains the scoping process we¹ will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help us determine the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 23, 2006.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. Public scoping meetings are designed to provide

another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed project. In lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meetings we have scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
Monday June 12, 2006, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (CST).	Eagle Ridge Conference Center, 1500 Raymond Lake Road, Raymond, MS 39154. Phone: 601-857-7100.
Tuesday June 13, 2006, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (CST).	Vicksburg Convention Center & Auditorium, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180. Phone: 1-866-822-6338.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend these meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be generated so that comments are accurately recorded.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Gulf South representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the FERC, 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 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?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the FERC's proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Gulf South proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline to provide new pipeline capacity to transport domestic onshore gas supplies to producers in eastern

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

¹ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.