

peaking facility in a coordinated manner with the upstream Swift No. 1 Hydroelectric Project. In 2002, a portion of the project canal failed resulting in damage to the powerhouse, tailrace, and switchyard and the project has not operated since that time. Reconstruction of the damaged project facilities is scheduled to be completed in late 2005. Cowlitz PUD proposes to operate the project in the same manner as it did historically and to implement various environmental measures at the project.

*o. Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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 (P-2213), to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

*p. Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue acceptance or deficiency letter.	July 2004.
Request additional information (if necessary).	July 2004.
Notice soliciting final terms and conditions.	July 2004.
Notice of Draft NEPA Document.	October 2004.
Notice of Final NEPA Document.	February 2005.
Ready for Commission Decision on the Application.	October 2005.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice soliciting final terms and conditions.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-388]

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

May 7, 2004.

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, 51 FR 47897, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed South Carolina Gas & Electric Company's application requesting authorization to permit Westshore Ltd. use of Saluda Project lands and waters. The permit would authorize the installation of a floating dock capable of berthing 40 boats at the existing Spinners Marina. The Marina is located on Lake Murray, Leesville, and Saluda County, South Carolina. A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been prepared for the proposal.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that approving the request would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number P-516 to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. P-516-388 to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic 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.

For further information, contact Jean Potvin at (202) 502-8928.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2086-035, California]

#### Southern California Edison; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 4, 2004.

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 the application for license for the Vermilion Valley Hydroelectric Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on Mono and Warm Creeks, near Shaver Lake, within the county of Fresno, California. The project occupies federal lands within the Sierra National Forest, covering a total of 2,202 acres.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. 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 excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Vermilion Valley Hydroelectric Project No. 2086" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18

CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. For further information, contact Jim Fargo at 202-502-6095 or by e-mail at [jamesfargo@ferc.gov](mailto:jamesfargo@ferc.gov).

After reviewing the comments, the Commission will decide whether to revise this EA and will notify the parities accordingly.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-60-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Tewksbury-Andover Lateral Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 7, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Tewksbury-Andover Lateral Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) in Middlesex and Essex Counties, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 5.3 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline, pig launcher and receiver facilities, and a meter station. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys

<sup>1</sup> Tennessee originally filed its application as a Prior Notice Application under Sections 157.208(b)(2) and 157.211(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations. Four landowners filed protests to Tennessee's filing on March 8, 22, and 26, 2004, on economic grounds. In addition, the staff filed a protest citing unresolved rate issues. None of the protests were resolved within the 30-day protest resolution period. Therefore, Tennessee's filing has converted to a Natural Gas Act, Section 7(c) application.

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.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Tennessee wants to transport up to 25,000 decatherms per day for Bay State Gas Company and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Wyeth) in Essex County, Massachusetts. Tennessee seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 5.31 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Tewksbury-Andover Lateral) in Middlesex and Essex Counties, Massachusetts;
- A pig launcher facility in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, at milepost (MP) 270B-102+1.53 of Tennessee's Concord Lateral, that is the point of interconnection with the proposed Tewksbury-Andover Lateral; and
- A pig receiver facility and meter station at MP 5.31 of the proposed Tewksbury-Andover Lateral, at the Wyeth facility in Essex County, Massachusetts.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 30.2 acres of land. Following construction, about 12.5 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way and aboveground facility sites. The remaining 24.4 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we<sup>3</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate potential alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations, if appropriate, on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA might be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 4.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas,

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).