

approval to convey leases of land within the Pillager Project boundary to adjacent private property owners to provide access to Lake Placid. The total amount of project land proposed for lease conveyance is 26.31 acres. The project lands that would be leased are located adjacent to lots 1 through 17 of the Tall Timbers Subdivision and lots 1 through 15 of the North View Shores Subdivision. The applicant proposes to convey both group and individual access leases.

k. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, D2.

3a. Type of Application: Surrender of License (Major).

b. Project No.: 3034-008.

c. Date Filed: February 24, 1997.

d. Applicant: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation.

e. Name of Project: Arkansas River Lock and Dam No. 3, Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Arkansas River in Jefferson and Lincoln Counties, Arkansas.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C 791(a)—825(r).

h. Contacts: S. Maurice Robinson, Director, Engineering, Construction & Operations, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, P.O. Box 194208, Little Rock, AR 72219-4208, (501) 570-2200.

i. FERC Contact: Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219-2671.

j. Comment Date: May 28, 1997.

k. Description of the Proposed Action: The licensee requests to surrender its license for the proposed project.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C2, and D2.

4a. Type of Filing: Request for Extension of Time to Commence Project Construction.

b. Applicant: Adirondack Hydro Development Corporation and McGrath Industries, Inc.

c. Project No.: The proposed Waterford Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 10648-003 is to be located on the Hudson River, in Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties, New York.

d. Date Filed: March 12, 1997.

e. Pursuant to: P.L. 104-242.

f. Applicant Contact: Keith F. Corneau, Vice President, Adirondack Resource Management Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 829, Two Franklin Square, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, (518) 587-4300.

g. FERC Contact: Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219-2671.

h. Comment Date: May 27, 1997.

i. Description of the Requests: The licensees request that the existing

deadline for the commencement of construction for FERC Project No. 10648 be extended to June 9, 1999. The licensees also request that the deadline for submission of an access agreement with the State of New York under Article 305 be extended to 60 days prior to commencement of construction of the project. Further, the licensees request that the deadline to file a dam rehabilitation plan and schedule, as required by article 306, be extended to June 9, 1999.

j. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

5a. Type of Application: Surrender of License.

b. Project No.: 4357-016.

c. Date Filed: April 1, 1997.

d. Applicant: Clifton Hydro-Power Limited Partnership.

e. Name of Project: Clifton Mills #2.

f. Location: On the Pacolet River, in Spartansburg County, South Carolina.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC Section 791(a)—825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Paul V. Nolan, Esq., 5515 N. 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22205, (703) 534-5509.

i. FERC Contact: Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673.

j. Comment Date: June 9, 1997.

k. Description of Application: The licensee seeks to surrender its license because it was not able to obtain financing to complete construction of the project. Only five percent of the construction work to complete the project has been done.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C2, and D2.

Standard Paragraphs

*B. 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.

*C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as

applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*C2. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS,"

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of a notice of intent, competing application, or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*D2. 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.

Dated: April 25, 1997, Washington, DC.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Proposed Rate Adjustment

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern), DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, Rate

Schedule SJ-1. The rate was approved on an interim basis through June 30, 1999, and is subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Regulatory Commission on a final basis.

DATES: Approval of rate on an interim basis is effective through June 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leon Jourolmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance & Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia 30635-2496, (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Order issued December 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-3021-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, CSI-1-C, CTV-1-C, CK-1-C, and CBR-1-C through June 30, 1999. This order includes the Wholesale Power Rate Schedule SJ-1 for the sale of power from the Stonewall Jackson Project.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 24, 1997.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

Department of Energy

Deputy Secretary

[Rate Order No. SEPA-36]

**Southeastern Power Administration—
Cumberland System Power Rates, Order
Confirming and Approving Power Rates on
an Interim Basis**

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 USC 825s, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744 (May 30, 1986), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Under Secretary the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis, and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. On November 4, 1993, the Secretary of Energy issued Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, granting the Deputy Secretary authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect Southeastern's rates on an interim basis. This rate is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said notice.

Background

Power from the Cumberland System is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules CC-1-D, CM-1-C, CEK-1-C, CSI-

1-C, CTV-1-C, CK-1-C, and CBR-1-C. These rate schedules were approved by the FERC on December 14, 1994, for a period ending June 30, 1999.

Public Notice and Comment

Southeastern prepared a Power Repayment Study dated October 1996 for the Cumberland System which showed that revenues at current rates and including the proposed Stonewall Jackson Projects rate were adequate to meet repayment criteria. On August 26, 1996, by **Federal Register** Notice 61 FR 43760, Southeastern proposed to include the Stonewall Jackson Project in the Cumberland System. The Notice also gave the opportunity for review and comment, with a deadline for the written comments on September 27, 1996. Southeastern received no written comments.

Discussion

System Repayment

An examination of Southeastern's revised system power repayment study, prepared in October 1996, for the Cumberland System shows that with the proposed rates, all system power costs are paid within the 50-year repayment period required by existing law and DOE Procedure RA 6120.2. The Administrator of Southeastern has certified that the rates are consistent with applicable law and that they are the lowest possible rates to customers consistent with sound business principles.

Environmental Impact

Southeastern has reviewed the possible environmental impacts of the rate adjustment under consideration and has concluded that, because the adjusted rate would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the proposed action is not a major Federal action for which preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Availability of Information

Information regarding these rates, including studies, and other supporting materials is available for public review in the offices of Southeastern Power Administration, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia 30635, and in the Power Marketing Liaison Office, James Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Submission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The rate hereinafter confirmed and approved on an interim basis, together with supporting documents, will be submitted promptly to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on a final basis ending no later than June 30, 1999.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I hereby confirm and approve on an interim basis, attached Wholesale Power Rate Schedule SJ-1. The

Rate Schedule shall remain in effect on an interim basis through June 30, 1999, or until the FERC confirms and approves it or a substitute rate schedules on a final basis. By my action, I also approve, on an interim basis, the inclusion of the Stonewall Jackson Project into the Cumberland System of Projects for rate and repayment purposes.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 24, 1997.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5479-8]

**Environmental Impact Statements and
Regulations; Availability of EPA
Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 14, 1997 Through April 18, 1997 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 4, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65195-CA Rating EC2, Desolation Wilderness Management Guidelines Revisions for the Eldorado National Forest and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC), Eldorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern with alternatives that do not promote restoring areas currently exceeding standards set for the Desolation Wilderness. EPA recommended including the closure of the Rockbound grazing allotment in its preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65281-ID Rating EC2, White Pine Creek Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Clearwater National Forest, Palouse Ranger District, Benewah and Latah Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that implementation of best management practices and associated mitigation measures may not ensure protection of beneficial uses downstream of the project area.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40771-NC Rating EO2, Wilmington Bypass Transportation Improvements, US 17 to US 421,