

taken, but will not serve to make Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 2177, GA]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Scoping Meeting Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment and a Site Visit

June 9, 1998.

The Commission's regulations allow applicants to prepare their own

Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of the applicant-prepared EA (APEA) process.¹ On May 26, 1998, the Commission approved the use of the APEA process in the preparation of license application for Georgia Power Companies' (GPC) Middle Chattahoochee Project, No. 2177.

GPC will hold two public meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. At the scoping meetings, GPC will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) outline any resources they believe would not require a detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (5) encourage statements from

experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although GPC's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

The times and locations of the scoping meeting are:

Agency scoping meeting	Public scoping meeting
July 9, 1998, 8:30 am to Noon, The Columbus Hilton, Chattahoochee Room, 800 Front Street, Columbus GA 31901, (706) 324-1800.	July 9, 1998, 7:00 pm, Columbus State University, Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA 31907, (706) 568-2023.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions, GPC prepared and distributed a scoping document on May 6, 1998. Copies of the Scoping Document can be obtained by calling George Martin, Georgia Power Company, at (404) 506-1357. Copies of the document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

GPC has also scheduled a site visit, for all interested individuals, to the Middle Chattahoochee Project on Thursday, July 9, 1998. The site visit participants will depart from the Columbus Hilton at 1:30 pm and will return to the Columbus Hilton at 5:00 pm.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping

meeting under the APEA process, the Commission does not intend to conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on July 9, 1998.

All the scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer or tape recorder, and will become part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed to: Mr. C.M. Hobson, Manager, Environmental Affairs, Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, BIN 10221, Atlanta, GA 30308-3374, Attn: George Martin, by September 8, 1998. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Middle Chattahoochee Project Hydroelectric Project (2177).

For further information please contact George Martin at (404) 506-

1357 or Ronald McKittrick of the Commission at (404) 770-2363 ext. 44.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

June 9, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* New License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2731-020.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 27, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Weybridge Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On Otter Creek, which discharges into Lake Champlain, in the towns of Weybridge and New Haven, Addison County, Vermont.

¹ 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997)

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Timothy J. Oakes, Kleinschmidt Associates, 33 West Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579, (717) 687-2711.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jack Duckworth (202) 219-2818.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing project consists of: (1) a 30-foot-high, 302.6-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of: (a) two spillway sections, a 150-foot-long west spillway section topped with 6 foot-high hinged steel flashboards and one 20-foot-wide, 10-foot-high Taintor gate; and a 116-foot-long east spillway section topped with an automatically inflated rubber weir; (2) a 1.5-mile-long, 62 acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 174.3 feet; (3) a powerhouse integral with the dam containing a single turbine generator with an installed capacity of 3.0 MW; (4) transmission facilities; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The applicant states that the average annual generation is approximately 14,000 megawatthours. The applicant is not proposing any changes to the existing project works.

1. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the VERMONT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the issuance date of this notice and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-400131; FRL-5796-8]

Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA is providing notice of a 2-day meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). This will be the sixth meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee, whose mission is to provide advice to EPA regarding the Agency's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program.

DATES: The public meeting will take place on June 30, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on July 1, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Written and electronic comments in response to this notice should be received by June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Double Tree National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA, telephone number: (703) 416-4100.

Each comment must bear the docket control number OPPTS-400131. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this action. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider

this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cassandra Vail, telephone: (202) 260-0675, fax number: (202) 401-8142, e-mail: vail.cassandra@epamail.epa.gov or Michelle Price, telephone: (202) 260-3372, fax number: (202) 401-8142, e-mail: price.michelle@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

At the 2-day meeting, the TDR Committee will focus mainly on discussing options for burden reduction associated with the TRI program. The meeting will include discussion of the renewal of the Information Collection Request for the Alternate Reporting Threshold Certification Statement (Form A) and possible modifications to the Form A to increase burden reduction for eligible facilities. The TDR Committee will also spend some portion of the same meeting discussing options to reduce burden in complying with the TRI program, which were suggested by TDR members during the May meeting.

Information on availability of meeting summaries from previous TDR meetings will be available on the TRI Home Page. The address of the TRI Home Page is <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri>. This information can be found under the heading "TRI Stakeholder Dialogue." In addition, the agenda for the June 30 and July 1 Committee meeting will also be available at this same site prior to the meeting. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 5 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Cassandra Vail, to schedule presentations before the Committee.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under docket control number OPPTS-400131 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: