DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232–698]

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

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

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

b. **Project No.:** 2232–698;

c. **Date Filed:** November 13, 2017;

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

e. **Name of Project:** Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project;

f. **Location:** The affected project land is located on the Catawba River in Burke County, North Carolina.

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

h. **Applicant Contact:** Dennis Whitaker, Manager, Lake Services North, 526 South Church Street, ECQ12, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202; telephone: (704) 382–1594.

i. **FERC Contact:** Alicia Burtner; telephone: (202) 502–8038; email address: alicia.burtner@ferc.gov.

j. **Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protests:** is 30 days from the issuance date 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–2232–698.

Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

k. **Description of Request:** The licensee filed a request for approval for a non-project use of project lands and waters, to lease approximately 18.715 acres of the project area in Burke County, North Carolina to Carolina Sand, Inc. for the purpose of hydraulic sand mining activities. While not currently in operation, this location has been maintained for dredging by previous contractors for over 75 years. The proposed sand mining would employ hydraulic dredge and barge operations to remove an estimated average of 33,000 tons of sediment from the river bed each year. The sediment would be transported via pipeline to a 29-acre processing and stockpiling area, and the excess water would be treated to remove sediment and turbidity and then returned to the Catawba River.

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/docs-filing/efiling.asp. 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 1–866–208–3676 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 by the Commission before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, or COMMENTS; (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 385.201 through 385.205. All comments, motions to intervene or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.24(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are subject of the non-project use application. 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 Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.201.


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

- **Docket Numbers:** ER17–3079–014. **Applicants:** Tyr Energy, LLC. **Description:** Updated Market Power Analysis for the Southeast Region of Tyr Energy, LLC.

  - **Filed Date:** 12/12/17.
  - **Accession Number:** 20171212–5172.
  - **Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/12/18.
  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–1160–001. **Applicants:** Entergy Arkansas, Inc. **Description:** Compliance filing; EAI Update;

    - **Filed Date:** 5/9/2017.

  - **Docket Numbers:** ER17–1160–002. **Applicants:** Entergy Arkansas, Inc. **Description:** Compliance filing; EAI Update:

    - **Filed Date:** 12/13/17.
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[Docket No. CP17–476–000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Westlake Expansion Project

On July 20, 2017, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) filed an application in Docket No. CP17–476–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate facilities in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The proposed project is known as the Westlake Expansion Project (Project) and would provide about 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to the proposed 980 megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generating plant near Westlake, Louisiana.

On July 31, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff’s planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 27, 2018
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—May 29, 2018

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

Gulf South proposes to construct and operate the following facilities as part of the Project in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

• One new 10,000 horsepower compressor station (Westlake Compressor Station) and appurtenant facilities;
• approximately 1,600 feet of 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral; and
• two new metering and regulating stations (Entergy Lake Charles and Varibus Meter and Regulator Stations).

Background

On August 30, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Westlake Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; environmental groups; and local libraries. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, three Louisiana state senators/representatives, the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance (SWLA), and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. The primary issues raised by the EPA and the LDWF are impacts on wetlands and wetland mitigation, waters of the United States, and construction and operational air quality impacts. The Choctaw Nation of