

Applicant proposes no new facilities, but proposes to add 33.73 acres of lands of the Plumas National Forest to the project because of historical and future project use of these lands.

m. 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 Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" 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 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.

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n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### Public Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Tuesday May 20, 2003.  
*Time:* 7 p.m.  
*Place:* Veterans Memorial Hall.  
*Address:* 225 Gay Street, Chester, CA.

#### Agency Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Wednesday May 21, 2003.  
*Time:* 10 a.m.  
*Place:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company Facility.  
*Address:* 460 Rio Lindo Road, Chico, CA.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to

the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" 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 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

### Site Visit

The Applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Monday May 19, 2003, and continuing at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 20, 2003. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the parking area on the Lake Almanor Dam (also known as Canyon Dam) off Highway 89, just west of its intersection with Highway 147. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Tom Jereb of PG&E at 415-973-9320.

### Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS. (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

### Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2177-053]

### Notice of Application and Applicant-Prepared EA Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, and Soliciting Comments, and Final Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

April 25, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and applicant-prepared environmental assessment has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2177-053.

c. *Date filed:* December 13, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Georgia Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Chattahoochee Project.

f. *Location:* On the Chattahoochee River, in Harris and Muscogee Counties, Georgia; Lee and Russell Counties, Alabama; near the cities of Columbus, Georgia and Phenix City Alabama. The project does not affect Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Georgia Martin, Relicensing Project Manager, Georgia Power Company, 22nd Floor, Bin 10221, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd., NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, (404) 506-1357 or [gmartin@southernco.com](mailto:gmartin@southernco.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Ronald McKittrick, (770) 452-3778 or [ronald.mckittrick@ferc.gov](mailto:ronald.mckittrick@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, and final recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

Motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be