

(Carolina), tendered for filing separate Service Agreements executed between Carolina and the following Eligible Entities: Coastal Electric Services Company, Western Gas Resources Power Marketing, Inc.; The Dayton Power & Light Company; Delhi Energy Services, Inc.; Florida Power & Light Company; Industrial Energy Applications, Inc.; Valero Power Services Company, Phibro Inc.; KN Marketing, Inc.; Ohio Edison, Public Service Electric and Gas; Wisconsin Power & Light Company; UtiliCorp United Inc.; Southern Company Services, Inc.; and CNG Power Services Corporation. Service to each Eligible Entity will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Carolina's Tariff No. 1 for Sales of Capacity and Energy.

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: March 27, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2283-005, and 11482-000]

Lower Androscoggin River Basin DEIS, Maine; Notice of Intent to Hold Public and Agency Meetings to Discuss Staff's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Existing Projects in the Lower Androscoggin River Basin

March 14, 1996.

On November 30, 1995, the Commission's staff mailed the Lower Androscoggin River Basin Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS),

to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, interested organizations and individuals. The availability of the DEIS was publicly noticed in the Federal Register on December 8, 1995. The document evaluates the continued operation of the Gulf Island/Deer Rips Project No. 2283, and the Marcal Project No. 11482. The projects are located on the Androscoggin River and the Little Androscoggin River, Androscoggin County, Maine, respectively.

A public meeting will be conducted by staff in Lewiston, Maine, on Monday, April 8, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, Maine, to hear the public's comments on the DEIS.

The public meeting will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Lower Androscoggin River Basin projects under consideration. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

In accordance with Section 10(j) of the FPA, the Commission's staff will also hold an agency meeting with staff from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday, April 8, 1996, 9:30 a.m., at the Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, Maine, to discuss inconsistencies of some recommendations with the comprehensive planning and public interest standards of Sections 4(e) and 10(a) of the FPA or the substantial evidence requirement of Section 313(b) of the FPA.

All those that are formally recognized by the Commission as intervenors in the Lower Androscoggin River Basin Projects' proceedings are asked to refrain from engaging the staff in discussions of the merits of the projects outside of any announced meetings.

For further information, please contact Michael Dees at (202) 219-2807.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Notice of Application Filed With the Commission

March 14, 1996.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 1951.

c. *Date filed:* March 12, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Georgia Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Sinclair Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Oconee River, near the Town of Milledgeville, Baldwin and Putnam Counties, Georgia.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* C.M. Hobson, Manager—Environmental Affairs, Georgia Power Company, 333 Piedmont Avenue—Bin No. 10170, Atlanta, GA 30308-3374, (404) 526-7778.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hillary T. Berlin, (202) 219-0038.

j. *Comment date:* April 8, 1996.

k. *Description of Amendment Request:* The licensee is requesting to accelerate their license expiration date from August 31, 1997, to coincide with the date on which they accept the new license.

l. *The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C1, and D2.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. CAC-007]

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver From the Central Air Conditioner and Central Air Conditioning Heat Pump Test Procedure to NORDYNE

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Decision and Order.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the Decision and Order (Case No. CAC-007) granting a Waiver to NORDYNE from the existing Department of Energy test procedure for central air conditioners and central air conditioning heat pumps for the company's Powermiser line of heat pumps with integrated water heating.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 10 CFR Part 430, § 430.27(l), notice is hereby given of the issuance of the Decision and Order as set out below. In the Decision and Order, NORDYNE has been granted a Waiver from the existing Department of Energy central air conditioner and central air conditioning heat pump test procedure for the company's Powermiser line of heat pumps with integrated water heating. The Waiver allows NORDYNE to use a modified test procedure for rating its Powermiser heat

pumps. NORDYNE shall be allowed to calculate, in addition to the standard SEER and HSPF, a Combined Cooling Performance Factor (CCPF) and a Combined Heating Performance Factor (CHPF). These performance factors reflect the energy efficiency of the heat pump when providing both space conditioning and domestic water heating.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 7, 1996.

Joseph Romm,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Decision and Order

Department of Energy

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

In the Matter of: NORDYNE. (Case No. CAC-007)

Background

The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), Public Law 94-163, 89 Stat. 917, as amended, which requires the Department to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including central air conditioners. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making purchasing decisions. These test procedures appear at 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

The Department amended the prescribed test procedures by adding 10 CFR 430.27 to create a waiver process. 45 FR 64108, September 26, 1980. Thereafter, the Department further amended its appliance test procedure waiver process to allow the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) to grant an Interim Waiver from test procedure requirements to manufacturers that have petitioned the Department for a waiver of such prescribed test procedures. 51 FR 42823, November 26, 1986.

The waiver process allows the Assistant Secretary to waive temporarily test procedures for a particular basic model when a petitioner shows that the basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures, or when the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption as to provide materially inaccurate

comparative data. Waivers generally remain in effect until final test procedure amendments become effective, resolving the problem that is the subject of the waiver.

NORDYNE filed a "Petition for Waiver" and an "Application for Interim Waiver," dated January 24, 1995, in accordance with Section 430.27 of 10 CFR Part 430. The Department granted the Interim Waiver on July 10, 1995. The Department also published in the Federal Register on August 8, 1995, NORDYNE's petition, and solicited comments, data, and information respecting the petition. 60 FR 40358, August 8, 1995.

NORDYNE's Petition seeks a waiver from the existing Department of Energy central air conditioner and central air conditioning heat pump test procedure for the company's Powermiser line of heat pumps because the Powermiser's integrated water heating feature causes the prescribed test procedures to evaluate the Powermiser in a manner unrepresentative of its true energy consumption characteristics. NORDYNE's heating and cooling mode test procedures are essentially the same as the current Departmental central air conditioner test procedures. In addition, NORDYNE submitted tests and a rating procedure to determine the performance of the heat pump when it heats domestic water (whether or not space heating or cooling is also being provided).

The Department received 14 written comments concerning either the "Petition for Waiver" or the "Interim Waiver." All the comments supported granting the waivers.

Appalachian Power Company, Hawaiian Electric Company and Mr. Joe Zeiner of PSI Energy supported the waiver to encourage energy conservation devices. The Tennessee Valley Authority concurred with this, and also commented that the Powermiser "eliminates coincident peak demand for water heater[s] on the utility system." Gulf Power Company, Tampa Electric Company, Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company and Mr. Leo Stambaugh commended the NORDYNE integrated appliance as a viable alternative to electric resistance water heating and supported NORDYNE's proposed use of a Combined Cooling Performance Factor (CCPF) and Combined Heating Performance Factor (CHPF) for rating these products.

Dr. Arvo Lannus of Moebius Research commented that the present Department test procedures do not provide for testing products like the Powermiser, with the following adverse effects: