

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2177-041]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 31, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application filed August 24, 2000, requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the City of Columbus Water Works (CWW) to withdraw up to 90.0 million gallons per day (MGD) from Lake Oliver reservoir, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the proposed and alternative actions.

The proposed water withdrawal, which is equivalent to approximately 140 cubic feet per second, is needed to provide treated water for domestic and industrial consumption in the Columbus, Georgia region. CWW's existing intake and pumping station at Lake Oliver are able to accommodate the withdrawal of 90 MGD; consequently, the proposed action would not involve any land-disturbing or new construction activities on project lands.

Copies of the Draft EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The document also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments on the Draft EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Dave Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Lake Oliver Water Withdrawal, Project No. 2177-041" to the first page of your comments. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes, staff environmental protection specialist, at (202) 219-2780

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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2901-008; Project No. 2902-009 Virginia]

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 31, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Big Island Hydroelectric Project and the Holcomb Rock Hydroelectric Project, located on the James River in Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. No federal lands or Indian reservations are occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2901-008 and Project No. 2902-009 to all comments. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

For further information, contact James T. Griffin at (202) 219-2799 or Monte TerHaar at (202) 219-2768.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Intent to File Application for a New License**

January 31, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
 - b. *Project No:* 2145.
 - c. *Date filed:* January 12, 2001.
 - d. *Submitted By:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington.
 - e. *Name of Project:* Rocky Reach Project.
 - f. *Location:* On the Columbia River near the city of Wenatchee, in Chelan and Douglas counties, in Washington state.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
 - h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington. Contact Rosana Sokolowski at 509-663-8121 or Email: rosana@chelanpud.org.
 - i. *FERC Contact:* Vince E. Yearick, (202) 219-3073, vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us.
 - j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* June 30, 2006.
 - k. *Project Description:* The Rocky Reach project consists of a 130-foot high concrete gravity dam on the Columbia River. The powerhouse is 1,088 feet long, 210 feet wide and 218 feet high. It contains 11 generating units with a peak capacity of 1,280 megawatts. The spillway includes 12 gates, each 50 feet wide, that regulate the surface elevation of the reservoir. The project includes fish passage facilities.
1. The license states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2145. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be

filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2004.

A copy of the notice of intent is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The notice may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6942-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements Under Sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements under sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), EPA ICR Number 1352.08. This ICR renews a previously approved ICR No. 1352.07 (expires August 31, 2001, OMB Control Number 2050-0072). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (Mailcode 5104A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of

the ICR without charge by contacting the person in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sicy Jacob, 202-564-8019, fax no. 202-564-8233, or e-mail: Jacob.Sicy@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those facilities required to prepare or have available an MSDS for a hazardous chemical under the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Entities more likely to be affected by this action may include chemical, non-chemical manufacturers, retailers, petroleum refineries, utilities, etc.

Title: Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements under sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), EPA ICR Number 1352.08.

Abstract: The authority for these requirements is sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 1986 (42 U.S.C. 11011, 11012). EPCRA section 311 requires owners and operators of facilities subject to OSHA HCS to submit a list of chemicals or MSDSs (for those chemicals that exceed thresholds, specified in 40 CFR part 370) to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the local fire department (LFD) with jurisdiction over their facility. This is a one-time requirement unless a new facility becomes subject to the regulations or updating the information by facilities that are already covered by the regulations. EPCRA section 312 requires owners and operators of facilities subject to OSHA HCS to submit an inventory form (for those chemicals that exceed the thresholds, specified in 40 CFR part 370) to the SERC, LEPC, and LFD with jurisdiction over their facility. This activity is to be completed on March 1 of each year, on the inventory of chemicals in the previous calendar year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The average burden for MSDS reporting under 40 CFR 370.21 is estimated at 1.6 hours for new and newly regulated facilities and approximately 0.6 hours for those existing facilities that obtain new or revised MSDSs or receive requests for MSDSs from local governments. For new and newly regulated facilities, this burden includes the time required to read and understand the regulations, to determine which chemicals meet or exceed reporting thresholds, and to submit MSDSs or lists of chemicals to SERC, LEPCs, and local fire departments. For existing facilities, this burden includes the time required to submit revised MSDSs and new MSDSs to local officials. The average reporting burden for facilities to perform Tier I or Tier II inventory reporting under 40 CFR 370.25 is estimated to be approximately 3.1 hours per facility, including the time to develop and submit the information. There are no recordkeeping requirements for facilities under EPCRA sections 311 and 312.

The average burden for state and local governments to respond to requests for MSDSs or Tier II information under 40 CFR 370.30 is estimated to be 0.17 hours per request. The average burden for state and local governments for managing and maintaining the reports is estimated to be 32.25 hours. The average burden for maintaining and updating the 312 database is 320 hours.

The total burden to facilities over the three-year information collection period is estimated to be 5,182,000 hours, at a cost of \$166 million, with an associated state and local burden of 401,100 hours at a cost of \$8.1 million.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of