



February 6, 2003

Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Subject: Yadkin-Pee Dee River Project – FERC No. 2206  
Initial Consultation Document**

Dear Ms. Salas;

Progress Energy Carolinas Inc. (Progress Energy), also known as Carolina Power & Light, a subsidiary of Progress Energy, hereby submits to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an original and eight copies of the Initial Consultation Document (ICD) for the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Project (Project). The Project is located on the Yadkin-Pee Dee River in south central North Carolina. The Project consists of the Tillery and Blewett Falls Developments and has a licensed capacity of 108.6 MW. Progress Energy is the licensee, owner and operator of the Project. The Federal Power Commission, the predecessor of the FERC, issued a 50 year license to Carolina Power & Light with an effective date of May 1, 1958. The license expires on April 30, 2008.

FERC regulations require Progress Energy to initiate the relicensing process for the Project no later than five years prior to the expiration date of the license, or April 30, 2003. The regulations also require that a license application be filed with the FERC no later than two years prior to license expiration, or April 30, 2006. The purpose of this ICD is to initiate the relicensing process and to present an overview of both the Project operation and the existing resources associated with the Project.

The Project is located approximately 50 miles east of Charlotte, North Carolina, in an area known as the Uwharrie Lakes region. Tillery Dam is located approximately four miles west of Mt Gilead, North Carolina, and Blewett Falls Dam is located approximately six miles west of Rockingham, North Carolina. The dams form the impoundments known as Lake Tillery and Blewett Falls Lake, respectively. The Project has provided valuable service as a peaking and load following electrical generation resource throughout its current license.

Progress Energy, in accordance with FERC regulations, will hold a site visit on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and a Joint Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The site visit will provide the

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opportunity for the FERC, resource agencies and other interested parties to view the Project and its operations. The purpose of the Joint Meeting is to explain the Project, review information provided in this ICD, and to provide opportunity for identification of concerns and issues related to Project operations and Project effects. The Joint Meeting will be held at the Richmond County Community College, in Rockingham, North Carolina. Progress Energy will communicate detailed information regarding the logistics of the site visit and the Joint Meeting by issuing a letter including an agenda to the FERC and the resource agencies no later than 15 days in advance of the Joint Meeting. We will also publish a public notice at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Information will also be posted on the Progress Energy relicensing website at <http://www.cpl.com/environment/>

Please contact me should you have any questions at 704-848-4320, extension 1220.

Sincerely,

Progress Energy



Barry L. Arney  
Principal Engineer

Enclosures

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