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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Georgia Power Company

Project No. 2177-090

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF LICENSE AND 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: Amendment of License
- b. Project No.: 2177-090
- c. Date Filed: February 10, 2012
- d. Applicant: Georgia Power Company
- e. Name of Project: Middle Chattahoochee Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Chattahoochee River in Harris and Muscogee Counties, Georgia, and Lee and Russell Counties, Alabama.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Stan Connally, Senior Vice-President and Senior Production Officer, Southern Company Generation, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard N.E., Bin 10240, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, (404) 506-7033.
- i. FERC Contact: Kelly Houff, (202) 502-6393, Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: April 19, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

k. Description of Application: Georgia Power Company seeks approval to construct a 615-foot-long rock and concrete weir, with top elevation of 225.5 feet, in the existing tailrace of the North Highland Dam of the Middle Chattahoochee Project. The proposed weir will act to support the tailwater elevation required to continue operating the North Highlands Development once the downstream City Mills Dam licensed by Uptown Columbus is breached. In addition, Georgia Power Company also seeks to construct a permanent access road to the weir and a staging area reserved for future plant inspection and maintenance of the weir. The proposed action requires that Georgia Power Company move the existing project boundary downstream by 200 feet to accommodate the structure and the proposed safety signage, as well as a new positive boat barrier. With the installation of the tailrace weir, Georgia Power Company is not proposing to change current project operations, so all flows would remain the same as currently authorized by the license for the Middle Chattahoochee Project. During construction of the tailrace weir, Georgia Power Company will, for a short period, divert flows over the North Highlands spillway, not through the powerhouse.

l. 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 website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2177-090) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

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 on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

o. 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.

Dated: March 20, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.