



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-855]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's (Duke Energy) application for an amendment of license to implement the Mountain Island embankment seismic stability improvement project at the Mountain Island development of the Catawba-Wateree Project No. 2232 and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the amendment. Duke Energy proposes to construct a counterweight stability berm on the downstream side of the earthen embankment at the Mountain Island development and obtain the material for the berm from an on-site borrow area. The project consists of 11 developments and is located on the Catawba and Wateree rivers in Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Catawba, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Lincoln and Gaston counties, North Carolina, and York, Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield, and Kershaw counties, South Carolina.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and concludes that amending the license, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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