



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2607-016]

Spencer Mountain Hydropower, 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 C.F.R. Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the Spencer Mountain Hydroelectric Project No. 2607 (project). The 640-kilowatt project is located on the South Fork Catawba, near the town of Gastonia, in Gaston County, North Carolina. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the project and concludes that issuing a subsequent license for the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding

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For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595, or at OPP@ferc.gov.

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