

**NOTICE OF HYDROPOWER LICENSE APPLICATION FILING
MISSION HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FERC NO. 2619**

Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area (DPNA) filed an Application for a Subsequent License for a Major Water Power Project, the Mission Hydroelectric Project (Mission Project) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on July 23, 2003. The purpose of this Public Notice of the Mission License Application filing is to meet the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R), 18 C. F. R. §4.32(b)(6), which requires the Applicant, in this case DPNA, to give public notice of the filing of the Mission License Application with the FERC.

The purpose of the filing is to obtain a license renewal from the FERC to continue the operation of the Mission Project for a period that could range from 30 to 50 years in the future. The current FERC License for the Mission Project expires on August 31, 2005.

Project Summary: The Mission Project is located in Clay County, North Carolina, on the Hiwassee River near the town of Hayesville. The Project consists of a concrete dam approximately 47.5-feet high and 397-feet long, a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 1.80 MW, related electric power production components and facilities, and a reservoir with approximately 3 miles of shoreline. The Project has limited storage and no change to the facilities or operation of the Project is being requested as part of this relicensing.

Application Availability: A copy of the Mission License Application can be viewed at the following sites:

- 1) The Moss Memorial Library, 26 Sanderson Street, Hayesville, NC.
- 2) The Clay County Courthouse, 33 Main Street, Hayesville, NC.
- 3) The Hayesville Town Hall, 56 Sanderson Street, Hayesville, NC.
- 4) The DPNA Website at <http://dev.nantahalapower.com>, then click on the "Hydro Licensing" Link.

A copy of the License Application can be obtained in either paper or CD format by contacting Mr. Ed Luttrell, at (704) 400-4494 and the cost for the reproduction of either the paper or CD format License Application and shipping costs will be charged.

If after the review of the Mission License Application any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the Mission License Application on its merits, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for the study with the FERC not less than 60 days after the date of filing, July 23, 2003, and must also serve a copy of the study request with DPNA at the address provided below. The FERC has set forth specific guidelines for what must be included in any such study request filed and that information can be obtained either from the 18 C.F.R. §4.32(b)(7) or by contacting DPNA.

Additionally, once the FERC has reviewed the Mission License Application and found it acceptable for filing, the FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation in the relicensing process.

Additional information on the License Application or FERC Licensing Process can be obtained by calling DPNA at (828) 369-4534 or in writing at the following address: Mrs. Pat McCall, Duke Power–Nantahala Area, 301 NP&L Loop, Franklin, NC 28734.