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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Project Nos. 135-016 & 2195-008—Oregon]

Portland General Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 3, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for amendment of license for the Oak Grove Project No. 135 and North Fork Project No. 2195, located on the Oak Grove and Clackamas Rivers, in Clackamas County, Oregon, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project occupies Federal lands under the administration of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of Portland General Electric Company's proposed license amendment, and various alternatives, including no-action, and concludes that approving the amendment of license, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Project No. 135 and 2195" to all comments. The EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202)502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. *See*, 18 CFR 385.2002(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-

filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

For further information, contact William Guey-Lee at (202) 219-2808.

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[Project No. 516-319, -321, -326, -329, -330, -331, -332, -333, -354, -355, -356, -357, 358 and -359]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Environmental Assessment

September 4, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications dated March 20, June 26 and November 27, 2000, and August 22, 2001, requesting the Commission's approval to sell project land for future private development at the Saluda Project, located on the Saluda River in Lexington, Saluda and Newberry Counties, South Carolina, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action.

Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659.

Any comments on the EA should be filed within 60 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to: Magalie Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426. Please affix "Saluda Project No. 516-319.etc." to the first page of your comments. All timely filed comments will be considered in the Commission order addressing the proposed sale of project land for future private development. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. *See*, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-filing" link.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

September 3, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).