# Duke Energy Officially Initiates Keowee-Toxaway Hydro Relicensing Process

SENECA, S.C. - Duke Energy filed two documents Friday with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that officially start the multi-year relicensing process for the two hydroelectric stations in the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project (KT Project).

Along with the Notice of Intent, Duke Energy also filed the Pre-Application Document that provides the FERC, federal and state agencies and other interested stakeholders with a wealth of information on the Keowee-Toxaway facilities and operations.

It compiles existing information on environmental, cultural and natural resources, recreation and socioeconomics. It also identifies pertinent issues and defines potential studies that Duke Energy and stakeholders will undertake during relicensing.

"Our emphasis has always been to operate these facilities in a way that balances the need for providing electricity for our customers while protecting water quality, water supply, recreation, aquatic life and wildlife habitat," said Jen Huff, relicensing project manager. "We remain committed to this same balance and look forward to working with stakeholders as we develop this new license application."

More than 30 agencies and organizations are represented in the relicensing teams that have been meeting since September 2009.

The KT Project was originally licensed in 1966 for 50 years. The current license expires in August 2016.

The KT Project includes Keowee Hydroelectric Station and Lake Keowee, along with Jocassee Pumped Storage Station and Lake Jocassee. Together the two plants have an installed generating capacity of 868 megawatts.

Lakes Jocassee and Keowee also support the operation of Oconee Nuclear Station and the Bad Creek Pumped Storage Project. The license application is scheduled to be submitted to the FERC by August 2014, and the next license term will be 30 to 50 years.

Those interested in following the relicensing process or viewing the pre-application document can stay informed at **http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/keowee-toxaway-relicensing.asp (http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/keowee-toxaway-relicensing.asp)** .

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