

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Alcoa Power Generating Inc.)	
Cube Yadkin Generation LLC)	CITY OF SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
)	
)	COMMENTS ON NOTICE
)	OF APPLICATION FOR
)	TRANSFER OF LICENSE
Project No. 2197-109)	

The City of Salisbury, a North Carolina municipal corporation and an intervenor in an ongoing proceeding for the relicensing of Project No. 2197 (“Salisbury”), hereby submits to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, through counsel, comments on the Commission’s August 1, 2016 Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests (“Notice”). The City understands that Alcoa Power Generating Inc. (“Alcoa”) and Cube Yadkin Generation LLC (“Cube”) filed an application for Commission approval to transfer the license for the Yadkin Hydroelectric Project No. 2197 from Alcoa to Cube.

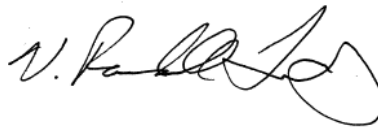
The license, and the pending license reissuance, are matters of great importance to Salisbury because of the sedimentation and flooding effects of High Rock Dam and the High Rock Sediment Delta on Salisbury’s water and wastewater infrastructure. The City concurs with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission statement that one of the three “primary environmental issues associated with the Yadkin Project” is “alteration of sediment transport in the Yadkin River and its effects on sedimentation rates and flood frequency.” <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/enviro/eis/2008/04-18-08.asp>.

The City supports the proposals in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Hydropower Licenses, Yadkin Hydroelectric Project – FERC Project No. 2197-073,

Yadkin-Pee Dee River Hydroelectric Project – FERC Project No. 2206 – 030, North Carolina (April 2008) to require mitigation of those effects and the City stands ready to work with the licensee, whoever that turns out to be, on the details of the mitigation measures.

Salisbury is encouraged by public statements by Cube representatives regarding Cube's stewardship and partnering with local communities to preserve North Carolina's natural beauty. Salisbury would welcome a new licensee that takes seriously its role as a fellow steward of a vitally important North Carolina resource, the Yadkin River. If the Commission decides to grant the requested approval for transfer of the license, Salisbury is committed to establishing a strong, positive working relationship with the new licensee.

Respectfully submitted, this the 30th day of August, 2016.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010:

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at this 30th day of August, 2016.



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