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May 14, 2007

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Notice of Filing of Application for Clean Water Act Section 401
Certification for the Yadkin Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2197)

Dear Secretary Bose:

In its March 13, 2007 "Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendation, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions" for Alcoa Power Generating Inc's ("APGI's") Yadkin Hydroelectric Project, the Commission directed APGI to file no later than 60 days from the date of that notice (1) a copy of the Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Project; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of the water quality certification¹.

Attached please find a stamped copy of APGI's request for certification of the Yadkin Project by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("NCDENR"), showing receipt of the application for certification by the Division of Water Quality, Wetlands and Stormwater Branch on May 10, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this filing or the filing with NCDENR, please do not hesitate to contact either of the undersigned at the above address or phone number.

¹Because 60 days from March 13, fell on Saturday, May 12, 2007, under Rule 2007 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2007, responses to the Commission's Notice were due by May 14, 2007.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ D. Randall Benn

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Attach: APGI's Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (without attachments)

cc: FERC Mailing List for P-2197

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Re: Water Quality Certification Application for the Yadkin Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2197

Dear Mr. Dorney:

Enclosed for filing please find a completed application (together with supporting documents) for water quality certification of the Yadkin Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2197, owned and operated by Alcoa Power Generating Inc. ("APGI"). Specifically, enclosed are one (1) original and six (6) copies of an application package containing each of the following:

- (1) Completed and signed "FERC 401 Water Quality Certification Application";
- (2) "Application for License for Major Project – Existing Dam" (April 2006) for the Yadkin Project (which includes maps of the Project) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC);
- (3) Yadkin Project "Relicensing Settlement Agreement" (February 2007) filed with FERC on May 7, 2007;
- (4) Yadkin Project "Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Plan" (May 2007);

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- (5) Yadkin Project "Tailwater Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan" (May 2007);
- (6) Draft Yadkin Project "Flow and Reservoir Elevation Monitoring Plan" (April 2007); and
- (7) A check in the amount of \$475.00 payable to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.

APGI will provide a file-stamped copy of this letter to FERC as proof of its application for water quality certification from the State of North Carolina.

Please contact either of the undersigned at the number listed above with any questions concerning this application.

Very truly yours,



D. Randall Benn

David R. Poe

Counsel for APGI

cc: Gene Ellis
Coralyn Benhart

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, I have this day caused to be served by First Class Mail or electronic mail the foregoing documents upon the parties to the official service list compiled by the Secretary for this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC this 14th day of May, 2007.

/s/ *Claire M. Brennan*

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