

Department of Energy Southeastern Power Administration Elberton, Georgia 30635-6711

## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

PROPOSED ACTION: Proposed rate adjustment for the Jim Woodruff System.

LOCATION: Panhandle Florida.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:** Southeastern Power Administration is proposing new rate schedules to replace existing rate schedules for Southeastern's Jim Woodruff System. Existing rate schedules are approved through September 19, 2009. The new rate schedules would become effective September 20, 2009.

The Jim Woodruff System consists of a single project on the Florida-Georgia line. Power is marketed in the Florida panhandle. Total Capacity available from the project is 36,000 kilowatts. All 36,000 kilowatts are allocated to preference customers.

Southeastern is proposing to increase rates in the Jim Woodruff System by 67 percent. The new rates would be effective for the period from September 20, 2009, to September 19, 2014.

CX TO BE APPLIED (from Section D, DOE NEPA Guidelines):

Appendix B4.3 - Rate changes for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based on a change in revenue requirements if the operations of generation projects would remain within normal operating limits.

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for the CX reference above. Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

Signature:

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Title:

Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration

Date:

August 3, 2009