

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control

PH 2007-031

The division will hold a public hearing to seek comment concerning an application for a state water quality permit. The hearing is in regard to the proposal by the Columbia Power and Water Systems to withdraw water from the Duck River for public water supply.

The project is Duck River mile 134.05, in Columbia, Maury County. The Duck River is assessed as High Quality Tier 2 from Duck River embayment to Bear Creek, Humphreys and Maury Counties. The stream segment that would be affected is listed as fully supporting all designated uses. The proposed activity for which a permit application has been made involves the renewal of a previous issued permit to withdraw up to twenty million gallons of water a day from the Duck River for public water supply.

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Time: 7:00 p. m. central time

Location: Columbia State Community College
1665 Hamshire Pike
Room 123, Waymon L. Hickman Building
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Applicant: Columbia Power & Water Systems
attn: Mr. James O. Clark, General Manager
P. O. Box 379
Columbia, Tennessee 38402

The public notice of this project, file number NRS07.101, published June 15, 2007, can be found on the Internet at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>. During the public notice period, comments were received concerning endangered species, competing uses of the river, fish habitat, biodiversity, and sustainable water supply.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the application proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public hearing. The hearing officer will limit all testimony to relevant water quality issues and may limit testimony in the interest of time. However, all persons desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. Written testimony will be accepted for 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the division at the address printed below. The comments must be received by December 10, 2007. After considering all public comments, the division will publish a final permit decision and a notice of the division's determinations.

Interested persons may obtain additional information or inspect and copy the application and related documents during business hours at the division's office in Nashville (615-532-0645) at the address listed below.

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Department of Environment and Conservation to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact for services should be made no less than ten days in advance to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). .

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