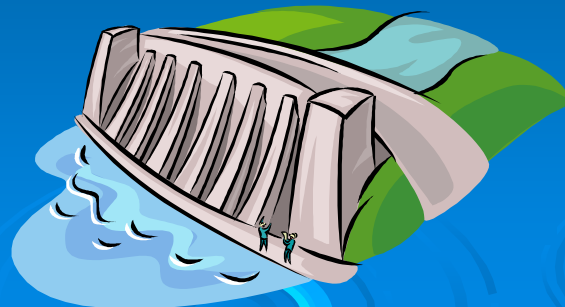


Saluda Hydro Relicensing Quarterly Public Meeting

“What Is the Draft Application?”

October 25, 2007



Discussion Points

- Brief Overview of Past Milestones
- Purpose of Draft Application
- Contents of Draft Application
- Future Milestones
- Public Comments



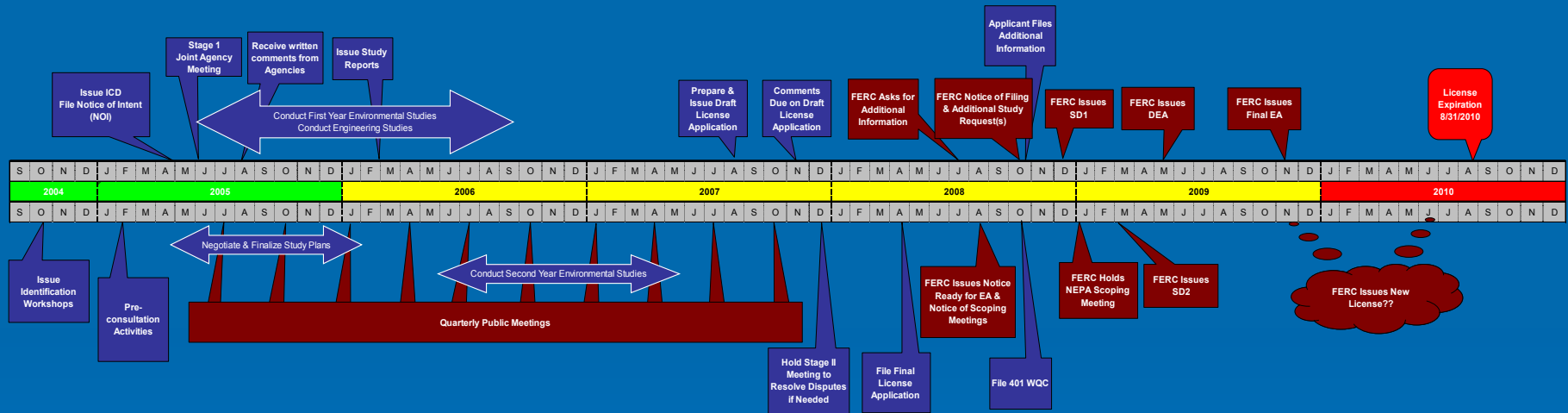
Brief Overview of Past Milestones and Process

- Notice of Intent (NOI) was filed April 29, 2005
 - The NOI must be filed at “least five years, but not more than five and one-half years, before the existing license expires” – 18 CFR 5.5(d)
- Initial Consultation Document (ICD) was also filed simultaneously with the NOI (April 29, 2005)
- Joint Agency Public Meeting – held on June 16, 2005
 - Quarterly Public Meetings have been held since that time.
- Resource Conservation Group and Technical Working Committee Meetings

Saluda Hydroelectric Project Traditional Relicensing Timeline

Saluda Hydroelectric Project Relicensing FERC No. 516

Enhanced Traditional Licensing Process



NOTES:

- DEA - Draft Environmental Assessment
- FERC - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- I.P. - Integrated Licensing Process
- NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act
- NOI - Notice of Intent
- PAD - Pre-Application Document
- REA - Ready for Environmental Analysis
- SD1 - Scoping Document 1
- SD2 - Scoping Document 2
- TLP - Traditional Licensing Process
- WQC - Water Quality Certification

Brief Review: Mission Statement

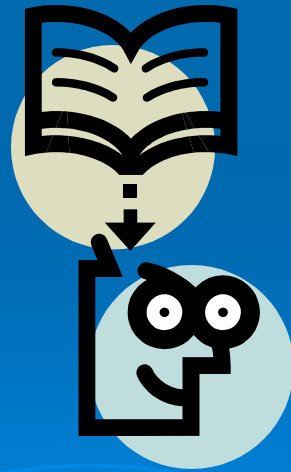
While SCE&G will manage the process, state and federal resource agencies, home owners groups, environmental and recreational special interest groups, etc., must/will play a significant role in the relicensing of the Project. SCE&G will consult with agencies, groups, and individuals to gather as well as provide information. This is performed in order to identify and learn from, as well as to educate, stakeholders on the issues, and to address and resolve those issues.

Brief Review: Traditional Three Stage Licensing Procedure

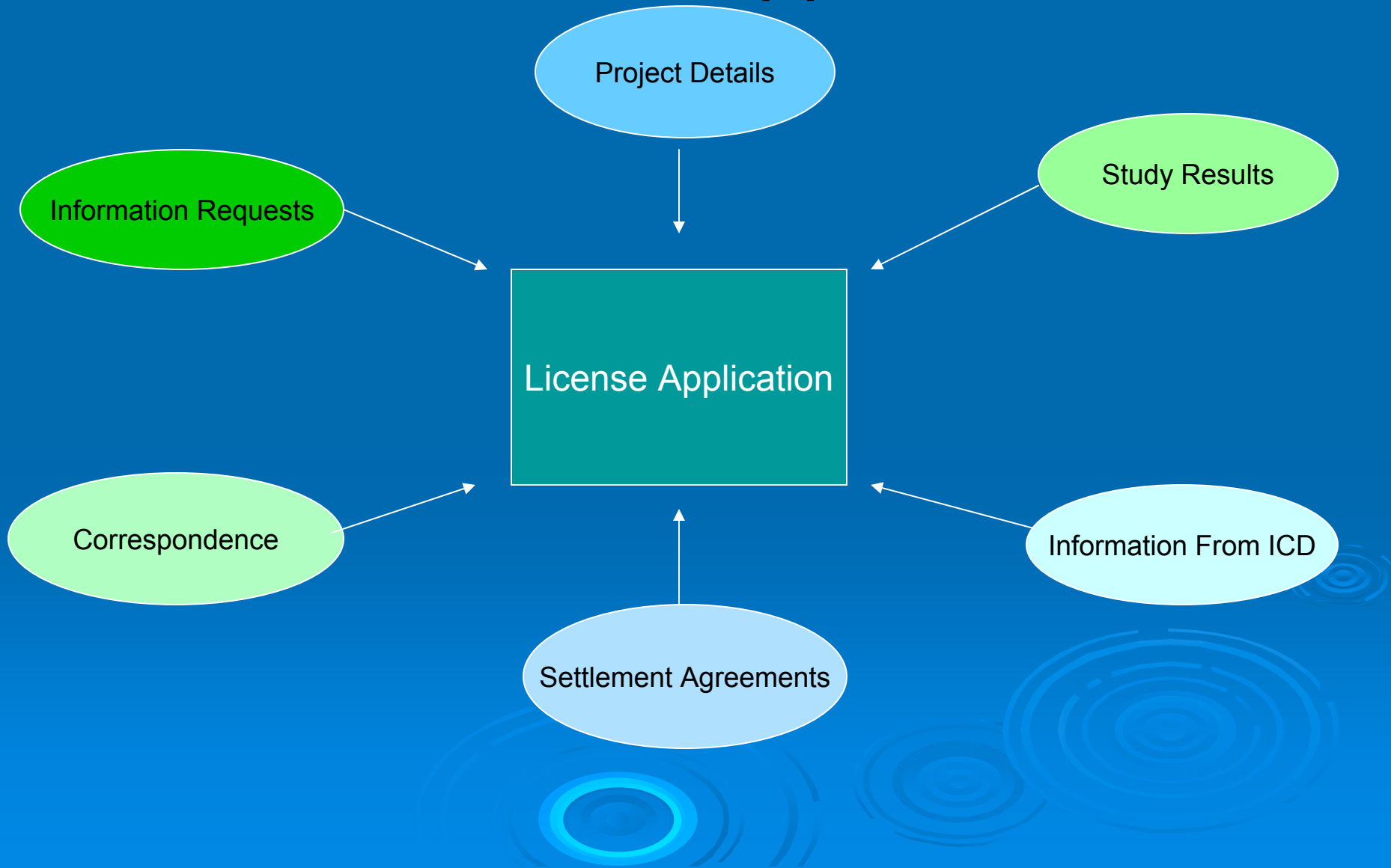
- The Traditional Process is a tried and proven method for relicensing.
- Was the original Process developed for relicensing procedures.
- 3 Stage Process
 - Stage 1** - Issuance of ICD, Applicant conducts JAM and site visit, resource agencies, stakeholders and tribes provide written comments, dispute resolution on studies is held with the commission
 - Stage 2** - Applicant completes necessary studies, Applicant provides Draft Application and study results to resource agencies, stakeholders and tribes, Resource agencies, stakeholders and tribes comment on draft application, Applicant conducts additional meetings if necessary
 - Stage 3** – Applicant files Final Application with the Commission and copies are sent to resource agencies, stakeholders, and tribes.
- Variations of the Traditional Process have developed over the years (**Enhanced, Hybrid**)

Purpose of Draft Application

- Allows a period of time for additional comments to be considered as the final license application is being prepared.



What Assists in the Preparation of the License Application?



A Walk Through the Contents of the Application

- The Draft Application of an existing major project consists of the following pieces:
 - General Information – 18 CFR 4.32(a)
 - Initial Statement – 18 CFR 4.51(a)
 - Exhibit A - Project Description
 - Exhibit B – Project Operation and Resource Utilization
 - Exhibit C – Construction History
 - Exhibit E – Environmental Report
 - Exhibit F – Design Drawings and Supporting Design Report (CEII)
 - Exhibit G – Project Location Maps (NIP)
 - Exhibit H – Description of Project Management and Need for Project Power

Exhibit E: Results of Much Labor

- Exhibit E includes descriptions of existing environmental, cultural, historic, land use and recreational resources
- Included one will find the study results of recommended relicensing studies, discussed during the many Resource Group meetings
- Study reports are included in as appendices
- The set up of the Exhibit E is similar to that of the ICD...

Contents of Exhibit E: Results of Much Labor

- Section 2.0 – Water Use and Quality
- Section 3.0 – Aquatic Resources
- Section 4.0 – Wildlife Resources
- Section 5.0 – Botanical Resources
- Section 6.0 – Historical and Cultural Resources
- Section 7.0 – Recreational Resources
- Section 8.0 – Land Management and Aesthetics

Future Milestones

- Draft License Application to be issued in November
- SCE&G is required by the FERC to file an Application for New License at *least 24 months before the expiration of their existing license.* (18 CFR 5.17)
- Therefore, Final License Application to be filed in or before August 2008

How Will I Know When the Draft Application has been submitted for Public Comment?

- The Draft Application will be posted to the Relicensing Website (www.saludahydrorelicense.com)
- An email will be distributed to those individuals who have elected to be on the relicensing mailing list
- The Draft Application will be mailed in CD format to those individuals on the Service List
- The Draft Application will be submitted to FERC pursuant to 18 CFR 5.16 and will be available via the FERC e-library

How will I know that the Final License Application has been submitted for comment?

- In accordance with 18 CFR 5.17(d), SCE&G must twice publish a notice of the filing of the Final Application in the local newspapers of the counties that Saluda Hydro is located
- The Final License Application will be posted to the relicensing website
- Copies of the Final Application will be distributed to those on the Service List

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What About Issue Resolution Agreements?

- Licensing processes that are collaborative in nature, such as the enhanced traditional process employed by SCE&G, often result in agreements among the parties involved.
- The Resource Groups are still in the process of finalizing studies and reviewing information provided by those studies
- Therefore, any issue resolution agreements that arise likely will be filed with or before the filing of the Final License Application (18 CFR 385.602)



Public Comments

- Written comments on the Draft License Application are due within 90 days of the draft's issuance



Guidelines for Requests for Additional Information and Studies

Code of Federal Regulations 18 CFR...

All requests for information or studies must:

- Identify the purpose the information will serve.
- Demonstrate how the information is related to operation and maintenance of the Project, and therefore necessary.
- Discuss your understanding of resource issues and your goals and objectives for these resources.
- Explain why each recommended study methodology is more appropriate than alternatives, including any that SCE&G has proposed.
- Document that each proposed study methodology is a generally accepted practice.
- Explain how the study will be used to further resource goals and objectives that may be affected by proposed operation of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project.

Questions?

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