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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Unit

RE: Public Notice for Ward Mill Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 9842; Public Notice for W. Kerr Scott Hydropower Project, FERC No. 12642; MBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation and Nutrient Offset Credits in the Jordan Lake Watershed

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>.

I. Public Notice; Ward Mill Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 9842; Ray F. Ward; DWR #2015-0759; Sugar Grove, Watauga County

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Ray F. Ward (443 Old Watauga River Rd., Sugar Grove, NC 28679) has applied to the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (DWR) for a 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 15A NCAC 02H .0500. The certification is required as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process that, if approved, would allow for continued operation of the Ward Mill hydroelectric dam on the Watauga River in Watauga County. The DWR must take final action on the application prior to November 16, 2015

The public is invited to comment in writing to the DWR on the application described above. Comments should be mailed to the NC Division of Water Resources, Attn: Jennifer Burdette, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27669-1617, faxed to 919-807-6394, or emailed to jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov. Comments must be received by DWR no later than close of business on October 17, 2015.

A copy of the application is available online at <http://its.enr.state.nc.us/Weblink8/0/fol/294095/Row1.aspx>. Contact Beverly Strickland at 919-707-8789 if you need assistance with the website. A copy of the application is also on file at the DWR Central Office. The application may be inspected with an appointment during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604. To schedule an appointment, please contact Jennifer Burdette at jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov or 919-807-6364. File materials may not be removed from any DWR office; copy machines are available for use. Copies are 5 cents per page.

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II. Public Notice; Water Quality Certification for W. Kerr Scott Hydropower Project FERC No. 12642; Wilkesboro Hydropower, LLC; DWR # 2009-1002 V3; Wilkesboro, Wilkes County

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Wilkesboro Hydropower, LLC (P O Box 143, Mayodan, NC 27027) has applied to the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (DWR) for a modification of their existing 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 15A NCAC 02H .0500. The certification is required as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing process that, if approved, would allow the W. Kerr Scott Hydropower Project to be installed at W. Kerr Scott Dam on the Yadkin River in Wilkes County. The DWR must take final action on the application prior to November 16, 2015.

The public is invited to comment in writing to the DWR on the application described above. Comments should be mailed to the NC Division of Water Resources, Attn: Jennifer Burdette, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27669-1617, faxed to 919-807-6394, or emailed to jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov. Comments must be received by DWR no later than close of business on October 17, 2015.

A copy of the application is available online at <http://its.enr.state.nc.us/Weblink8/0/foi/97736/Row1.aspx>. Contact Beverly Strickland at 919-707-8789 if you need assistance with the website. A copy of the application is also on file at the DWR Central Office. The application may be inspected with an appointment during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604. To schedule an appointment, please contact Jennifer Burdette at jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov or 919-807-6364. File materials may not be removed from any DWR office; copy machines are available for use. Copies are 5 cents per page.

III. MBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation and Nutrient Offset Credits in the Jordan Lake Watershed

A Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) has been prepared by Watershed Investments NC, LLC for review and approval by the Division of Water Resources under 15A NCAC 02B .0295 and 15A NCAC 02B .0240. This MBI will allow Watershed Investments NC, LLC to sell riparian buffer mitigation credits and nutrient offset credits within the Upper New Hope Sub-watershed of Jordan Lake. A site-specific Bank Parcel Development Package will be submitted for review and approval once the MBI has been finalized.

The proposed MBI can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Katie Merritt at (katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov or 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). All comments received by DWR by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 2, 2015 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final MBI. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Merritt at 919-807-6371.