

# NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Petition for Approval of the Acquisition of a Major Utility Facility by the South Carolina Public Service Authority Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-185  
Docket No. 2023-189-E

## Why is this Notice Important?

- On June 9, 2023, The South Carolina Public Service Authority (“Santee Cooper”) filed a petition seeking approval from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) to acquire a major utility facility, as required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-185.
- This Notice is for customers of Santee Cooper and other interested persons.
- The Public Service Commission (PSC) has scheduled a public hearing in this case.

## Why did Santee Cooper File a Petition to Acquire a Major Utility Facility with the Commission?

- Through the Joint Planning Committee that operates under the support of the Coordination Agreement, Santee Cooper and Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. determined there is a capacity need to provide electricity generation to its customers beginning in the winter of 2024 and continuing through 2028.
- Santee Cooper wants to acquire the Cherokee County Cogeneration Plant (“Cherokee Facility”), a 98 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility, located in the City of Gaffney, South Carolina for \$17 million.
- Santee Cooper intends to acquire Cherokee County Cogeneration Plant as part of the planned purchase from the facility's owner, Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, LLC.

## What does Santee Cooper want the Commission to approve?

Santee Cooper wants the Commission to issue an Order:

- Approving Santee Cooper’s acquisition and purchase of the Cherokee County Cogeneration Plant, in Gaffney, South Carolina.
- Changing the name on the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Cherokee Facility to Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, LLC.

The Petition was filed according to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-33-185 and 58-33-110(2) and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-825 and a hearing has been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-185(D) and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817.

For the Company’s complete proposal visit: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/e49d210e-4909-49c9-82df-2f036c0c3a67>

For the entire Case visit: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/118617>

## When Will the PSC Hear Santee Cooper’s Case?

**When:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

**Where:** 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Livestream:** <https://www.sctv.org/live/public-service-commission>

## Who Can I Talk to About This Notice?

South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper)	1-843-761-8000
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100



## Ways to Get Involved in the Case

### How Can I Participate in this Case?

A customer may participate in the case by the ways listed below.

#### **Option A:** File a Letter of Protest by

- Emailing [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov); or
- Mailing the Letter of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

More information is available here: <https://psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-letter-protest>

#### **Option B:**

File a Petition to Intervene. An Intervenor becomes a party in the case. Intervenors have the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, appeal the Commission's Final Decision, and must follow the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. To intervene, you must:

- Email a Petition to Intervene to [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov) no later than **July 18, 2023**; or
- Mail a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than **July 18, 2023**. Please include your email address.

**\*\*You must give a copy of your Petition to Intervene to all Parties in this case. Petitions to Intervene must meet the requirements of Commission Regulation 103-825 and must be approved by the Commission.**

Persons seeking further information about these procedures should contact the Commission at **803-896-5100** or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

SMH  
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