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Parkway Seeks Input for Progress Energy Carolinas Right-of-Way Permit

(Asheville, NC) The Blue Ridge Parkway (BLRI) is seeking public input, through May 31, 2011, on an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the impacts of issuing a right-of-way permit to Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) to design, build, and operate a new 115kV overhead electric transmission line crossing BLRI south of Asheville, Buncombe County, near Milepost 393. The proposed line would run parallel and adjacent to an existing PEC transmission line on park property. The intent of this project is to ensure continued reliability of the transmission system, which is experiencing growing demand for power by the citizens, businesses, and industries of the region.

Those who wish to review and comment on this document may do so by visiting the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Internet site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Select Blue Ridge Parkway from the park dropdown menu and then click on project title "*Environmental Assessment for Progress Energy Carolinas ROW Permit.*" (Direct link is: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/PECnew115kvcrossing>)

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