

Section 6. Visual Quality and Scenic Character

A. Narrative.

The Applicant has provided a detailed Visual Quality and Scenic Character analysis in Section 30 of this application for the Generating components of the project.

In addition to the generating components of the project, a sub station and switch yard will be constructed approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the tower sites. Both the sub station and switch yard will be located adjacent to an existing substation and an existing electrical transmission line. This area is in a densely wooded area and is located over a mile from the nearest public road and private residence. The site is situated on a low plain between the Pisgah Mountain range and several other substantial mountains and hills. Investigation of the area determined that it will not be visible from any public location, roadway, or recreational natural viewing area.

Based on the location of these components in a low plain and remote location surrounded by mature forests, the construction of the substation and switch yard will not have any adverse effect on the existing visual quality and scenic character of the area.