

MEETING NOTES

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
MARTIN RELICENSING
FERC Scoping Meeting**

**Central Alabama Community College
Betty Carol Graham Center
Alexander City, AL
September 11, 2008**

Draft af 9-15-08

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organization
* See Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) list	

ACTION ITEMS:

- Written Comments are due on October 13, 2008.
- June 7, 2011- file license. License expires 2013.

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These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

- Purpose of meeting: define resource issues, let FERC know what is missing or what should be removed from scoping document.
- Steve Forehand- Lake Martin Resource Association (LMRA), proposed a feasibility study to study wave action on shoreline (i) improve water quality (ii) surface runoff (iii) improve fish habitat. LMRA proposes to restore shoreline to 1970s contours.
- April Hall- Alabama River Alliance (ARA), requests clarification of geographic scope.
- Jerry Sailors- Coosa River Improvement Association, requests consideration of timing and flow for the Coosa/Tallapoosa to Alabama River for navigation purposes in any rule curve change.
- Steve Forehand-LMRA, proposes (i) winter pool remain until studied, (ii) raise water to summer pool by April 1 immediately, (iii) remain at summer pool until October 15 immediately
- April Hall- ARA, requests clarification on how the Tallapoosa Watershed works as a system.
- Jesse Cunningham- Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners (LMHOB), requests that relicensing needs to address economic study.

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- John Glasier- LMHOBO and Lake Watch of Lake Martin, proposes looking at effects of rule curve changes every ten years after final license (monitor tributaries and streams, look at more than DO, work with Lake Watch)
- Lee Emery- FERC, requests references from everyone citing sources.
- Dick Bronson- Lake Watch of Lake Martin, requests using relicensing to achieve Outstanding Alabama Water (OAW) from Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).
- April Hall- ARA, requests Alabama Power Company (APC) investigate connectivity of the tributaries as related to aquatic habitat. She will file more specific examples with FERC.
- Steve Forehand- LMRA, proposes APC investigate removal of navigation hazards on the lake, study the effects of removal on erosion and study, and examine dredging limits.
- Rick Claybrook-Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), requests APC determine best management practices (bmp) to supervise the buffer zone.
- Jesse Cunningham- LMHOBO, requests that LMHOBO participate in setting permitting policy for commercial properties on the lake and that the FIMS study be updated (cost about \$.5 million). Steve Sammons of Auburn University suggested that the methods used to update FIMS be comparable to the 2007 Lake Martin Recreation Study.
- Cal Johnson- Still Waters Homeowners Association, requested a boat ramp within their subdivision (cost approximately \$200,000). The closest public ramp to Still Waters is Paces Point.
- Jimmy Lanier- Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail Association, proposes that APC swap approximately 700-800 acres of corporate land for project land for the Association to use (land located near Wind Creek).
- Nick Nichols- ADCNR, requests that APC investigate effects of change in rule curve and project operations on the geology and soils of Lake Martin.
- Dick Bronson- Lake Watch Lake Martin, investigate habitat alternations as a result of dredging to remove sediment and removing hazards from the water.
- Nick Nichols- ADCNR, requests that APC examine habitat fragmentation.
- Judy Takats – World Wildlife Fund (WWF), requests APC examine connectivity in the arms of the reservoirs of Lake Martin.

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