



October 25, 2010

RE: Study 12 Meeting of October 13, 2010

Mr. Jim Crew
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Dear Mr. Crew:

The Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners (HOBOS) appreciate the opportunity to participate in the relicensing process afforded all stakeholders by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

After reviewing our notes and discussing the MCDA analysis of data (as presented by representatives of Alabama Power Company), we would like to make the following comments:

1. No matter what priorities are given to the four categories in the formula, the results remain approximately the same, which either brings questions about the validity of the MCDA analysis and/or questions about the motives of the designers.
2. Groupings of certain sub-categories under certain categories appear to have little or no relation to each other. Stakeholders must have the ability to re-evaluate and possibly re-arrange the sub-categories, unless categories are eliminated and each sub-category is evaluated and weighted to better reflect its true value in the analysis.
3. Currently, some insignificant sub-categories are weighed more heavily than critically important sub-categories. Example: Downstream Recreation is more heavily rated than Lake Recreation.
4. To better examine the value of raising the winter level, sub-categories must be weighted and analyzed without the groupings into higher categories.

The Lake Martin HOBOS recommend that Alabama Power eliminate the categories and deal with all sub-categories in the analysis after stakeholders have weighted the values to be given each of the sub-categories. In addition, stakeholder analysis of the MCDA program must be allowed. The program must be “un-locked” to allow independent analysis.

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Hopefully, Alabama Power representatives will demonstrate their objectivity during the meeting tomorrow. This relicensing is now coming to a close and all stakeholders certainly share the desire that this four year long process will find an equitable, fair, and honest resolution. All should remember: It's All About the Lake.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sincerely,

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