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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Comments on Preliminary Licensing Proposal for the Martin Dam Project (FERC No. 349)

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Lake Martin Resource Association, Inc. ("LMRA") is a non-profit corporation currently comprised of 1,200 members. The Certificate of Incorporation of LMRA (formerly known as the Lake Martin Recreation Association, Inc.) states that its purpose is:

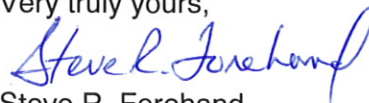
"To improve and increase the quality and quantity of recreational opportunities on the water and the land adjacent to the water that makes up the reservoir known as Lake Martin, the same being situated in East Alabama and in the Counties of Tallapoosa, Elmore and Coosa. It shall further be the purpose of this corporation to foster stable water conditions; improve the fish and stock of fish; organize and engage in recreational activities for people of all ages; improve markings and directions for people who use the waterway; to aid and develop the stopping of pollution of said water; to work with all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies to make this Lake a safe place for

fishermen, skiers, boaters, and all other persons who want and wish to use this water and its adjacent areas for the purpose of recreation and sport.”

LMRA was incorporated in 1970 and intervened in the re-licensing proceedings involving Alabama Power Company (“APCO”) and the Federal Power Commission (now known as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) on behalf of recreational users and property owners on Lake Martin. During the course of the re-licensing proceedings, LMRA played a central role in brokering compromise agreements among APCO, itself and other interveners to preserve the recreational uses of Lake Martin.

LMRA respectfully submits the attached comments on the Preliminary Licensing Proposal for the Martin Dam Project, which was filed with FERC on January 7, 2011. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Steve Forehand, Legal Officer of LMRA, at (256) 329-0835.

Very truly yours,



Steve R. Forehand
Legal Officer

**DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY
LAKE MARTIN RESOURCE ASSOCIATION (LMRA)
IN CONNECTION WITH
PRELIMINARY LICENSING PROPOSAL
FERC PROJECT NO. 349-150**

LMRA has no comments on the specific proposals for the license that were included in the Preliminary Licensing Proposal (the "PLP"). The comprehensive studies conducted by Alabama Power Company provide adequate support for the proposals that were included in the PLP. Of particular interest to LMRA, however, are those areas for which specific recommendations are still under study. Specifically, the proposed winter pool level and the so-called "fall extension" requested by LMRA in its request for Additional Measures to Protect, Maintain or Enhance ("PM&E") filed with FERC on December 6, 2010, are of primary interest to LMRA.

As it stated in the PLP, Alabama Power Company is studying the alternatives for winter pool elevations along with the PM&E requests. The winter pool levels under consideration range from one foot to five feet above the current winter pool level. LMRA would prefer the higher end of this range due to the significant beneficial impact the higher winter pool levels would have on recreational use and economic impact of Lake Martin. Likewise, LMRA recommends that its PM&E measures be adopted to provide additional available water in the fall. The fall extension would have the same beneficial impact as the increase in winter pool level on recreational use and economic impact.

During the licensing process, there has been very little discussion of the Operating Guide for Lake Martin. A good explanation of the Operating Guide is contained in the PLP on page 2-13. LMRA recommends that the Operating Guide change in response to any changes in the Flood Control Guide and that any such changes maintain the same delta that currently exists between the Flood Control Guide Curve and the Operating Guide Curve. See page 2-14 of the PLP for a graphic representation of the relationship of the guide curves to each other.

Since the winter pool levels and the fall extension are still under consideration, LMRA reserves further comment on these parts of the license application until Alabama Power Company publishes its recommendations.