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Dear Martin Stakeholder,

Thank you again for your participation in our January 30, 2007 Issues Identification Workshop for the Martin Project Relicensing. During the course of the day and evening sessions, we recorded many comments, concerns and questions relative to the Martin Project. As discussed in the meeting, we are providing the attached summary of those comments/concerns/questions raised. This summary contains two lists—one that summarizes the concerns and questions from the breakout sessions and the second that summarizes the public education/outreach items that were suggested. The next step is to further examine all of this information and begin developing Resource Issue Statements.

During the Issues Workshop, there were many questions about how the Martin Project operates, how it is coordinated with the upstream and downstream hydro projects, and how navigation and flood control requirements are incorporated. Having a good understanding of Project operations is essential in further defining specific resource issues. To that end, an informational meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Betty Carol Graham Center in Alexander City.** In addition to Project operations, we will also be discussing Shoreline Management planning and FERC relicensing, with a particular emphasis on stakeholder activities for 2007. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

If you plan to attend the May 24, 2007 meeting, please RSVP to Viki Jackson (205-257-2211 or VJACKSON@southernco.com) so we may adequately prepare for lunch. In addition, if you have an email address where you can receive documents from us, please let Viki know so she can update our email distribution list.

We also want to take this opportunity to let you know that the Alabama Power Company website has been updated recently, which resulted in a new address for the Martin Relicensing page. The new address is;

<http://www.alabamapower.com/hydro/martin.asp>

If you have any questions, please let me know. We look forward to your continued participation in the Martin relicensing effort. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Jim Crew".

Jim Crew
Project Manager
Martin Relicensing

Attachments: Issues Workshop Summary
May 24, 2007 Meeting Agenda



Breakout Session	Concerns and Questions Raised at Martin Issue Identification Workshops held on January 30, 2007
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Project impact on migratory fish (American eel, mooneye, paddlefish)
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Habitat fragmentation between tributaries
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effects of development on siltation and erosion; shoreline protection of vegetation; need for buffer zones
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What if any effect does the Project have on striped bass (striped bass die off)?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Account for striped bass mortality that could be associated with a rule curve change and current operations
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Control the type of bulkheads and make more "fish friendly"
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Protect islands
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What are the effects of a new winter drawdown on grassy vegetation establishment along the shoreline and aquatic plants in general?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Inadequate nutrient levels in Lake Martin and the effect on larval/juvenile fish growth
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Why are numbers of amphibians declining in lake (especially frogs)?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Would APC support laws protecting cultural resources?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Sea walls or rip rap--what is best?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Will land swaps continue?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is the 30 ft setback and what power does APC have?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Do permitting guidelines need review?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What power does APC have on properties it doesn't own?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Can APC raise the 30 foot buffer (so it covers more of the shoreline)?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How come Harris can't be the lake that fluctuates more?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What designates the rule curve at Martin? Is it generation?



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Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What impact does Harris have on the existing Martin rule curve?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Wouldn't APC need to lower the lake at some interval for dam inspection?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is the carrying capacity of the Lake? Should there be control? A plan?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What are APC's plans to sell additional property?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How much land does APC own?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is the status of the boat ban?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What are APC's plans for Chimney and Acapulco Rocks?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What are the current requirements for shoreline protection?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Who is in control of the operations and maintenance of high density development onsite waste disposal? Who permits it?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is APC's part with decentralized waste water systems around the lake?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What are the requirements for dredging?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Why is the crappie fishery declining? Can it be improved?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What control does APC have over storm water run-off?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Can Alabama Health Department get plugged in earlier in development projects? Can APC help with this?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Why has the Large mouth bass vs. spotted bass distribution changed?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Protect Bald eagle nesting sites - maintain habitat at the mouth of Manoy Creek and near Chimney Rock
Project Operations	Will lake level stabilization during fish spawning help fish population?
Project Operations	Do the islands provide unique habitats that need protection? Protect islands from erosion and destruction
Project Operations	Impacts of waste water treatment plants in tributaries



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Project Operations	Minimum flow from Harris: does current pulsing affect fish and water quality in the river above Martin?
Project Operations	Will the re-balancing of the rule curve changes analysis be in a public forum?
Project Operations	Can APC evaluate potential for increasing storage below 491' msl and evaluate the peak run off pattern?
Project Operations	How fast will the lake develop?
Project Operations	Why isn't APC responsible for unmarked hazards?
Project Operations	Will GPU #2 be developed instead of future recreational site ?
Project Operations	What is the effect of the commercial fishery on the Lake? catfish, crappie illegally
Project Operations	Onsite waste disposal systems -- how are these managed/controlled? Who is responsible for managing/monitoring and maintaining?
Project Operations	Clarify reasons for dredging limitations--is it arbitrary?
Project Operations	Why does APC drop the lake level in the fall--what is the timing of the draw downs and what is the amount of the drawdown
Project Operations	Does USACE requirement downstream trump everything?
Project Operations	How realistic is it that APC will consider this lake level issue? How can APC push this at FERC?
Project Operations	What does APC intend to do with what (structures) go on property to make the lake more natural?
Project Operations	What T&E species exist on the project and how are these species affected by project
Project Operations	Has APC marked cultural sites? Where are they?
Project Operations	Blue Creek mallard population is decreasing because of an increase in fish skin diseases -- is this related to water quality changes?
Project Operations	Who is a good contact for game law violations? APC should educate stakeholders - violations against waterfowl and jack-lighting deer.
Project Operations	How can the Canada Geese be managed?
Project Operations	Does interface between developers and APC occur? If not, how can we make that happen?



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Project Operations	Who manages the large land owners?
Project Operations	Can APC increase areas for general public use and for natural /undeveloped lands?
Project Operations	Could APC act as a facilitator between state agencies and homeowners regarding boat size, boat speeds, and lake sewage?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Shoreline seeding--is it legal and does it provide a benefit?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	How many licenses can be issued?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	What can APC do to help detect failing septic systems? (Buck Creek above Hwy 49)?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Fishing is good now--should lake Martin have an outstanding water designation?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	APC's lake clean up is a great thing.
Shoreline Management - Recreation	What can you do on general public use lands?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Can APC regularly inspect all septic systems?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Retain natural undeveloped area and manage for wildlife
Shoreline Management - Recreation	What is the impact to the quality of the fishery resources from fishing tournaments? There are too many tournaments.
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Will water wars impact this relicense?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Is the flow requirement below Yates and Thurlow a mandatory daily requirement?
Shoreline Management - Recreation	Examine the rule curve minimum
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Lake level impacts on fish production (winter drawdown)
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effects of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the water quality of Lake Martin
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Address Red Cockaded Woodpeckers and restore long leaf pine habitat
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Identify fragmented populations of mussels/snails



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Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect of continuing the fish habitat program
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect of water level fluctuations on fish spawning
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect on the fishery population from entrainment/impingement from project operations
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Who regulates the number of fishing tournaments? How is it decided?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Marina permitting -- who does it and how?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Why have navigation flows on the Alabama River?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How much flow from other streams is meeting (or helping to meet) downstream flow requirements?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How much flow from Martin is needed to meet downstream requirements?
Project Operations	Can APC raise the winter pool to 486 msl and change summer pool to April 1 to October 15th?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Is it possible to keep winter lake levels higher and remain at full pool longer?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How are restrictive covenants enforced?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What happens to un-permitted boat docks?
Project Operations	If not 486' then would APC consider 484' ?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Keep islands protected and as natural undeveloped
Shoreline Management-Recreation	What can we do to keep Martin from becoming Lake Lanier?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Can APC control shoreline development through stricter guidelines?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Enforce shoreline management guidelines on septic systems--withhold electricity
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	The new application should forbid land transfers of APC-owned lands that might change classification designation
Project Operations	Keep lands from Irwin Shoals to Camp ASCA as natural undeveloped



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Project Operations	APC shoreline enforcement
Project Operations	APC should acquire more lands for protection
Project Operations	Explore conservation easements for natural undeveloped areas -- long term? Perpetuity?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Are additional lands needed for wildlife?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Avoid overcrowding on shoreline at mouth of Madwin, mouth of Manoy, on whole lake on all inlets
Shoreline Management-Recreation	SMP should have BMPs, strong education for developers, buffer zones and set backs
Shoreline Management-Recreation	APC should assist communities in development of land management planning
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Undeveloped areas--do we need more and how does it relate to T&E species
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Keep undeveloped headwaters area that way with trails, non motorized access/activity
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Need land use map for entire shoreline
Shoreline Management-Recreation	SMP should address erosion due to water level changes and effects on recreation and aquatic habitat
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Develop a task force or study to look at voluntary contribution of lands on the west side
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Public wants to see APC's plans for future development of APC-owned lands
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Allow no development on islands
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Clarify how APC does or could manage lands above 491' msl - exert more management control over natural habitats
Shoreline Management-Recreation	APC should look at control of surface runoff through use of holding areas - water quality, sedimentation, etc. at developments (condos and homes)
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	The Lake water quality is declining -- can APC improve it?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Plan ahead to support growth (parks, overnight facilities, historical sites)
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	There should be an overall management plan to preserve/manage all resources within Project Boundary (land, water, habitat)



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Shoreline Management-Recreation	Increase in \$ penalties for constructing causeways and return them to their natural condition - Donut Island
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Create permit system for camping on islands; charge a nominal fee
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect on socioeconomics/economic from lake level drawdown proposals and existing operations
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Concern that APC is operating in the summer to make profit instead of keeping the lake up
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Look at the drought management plan
Project Operations	Can APC raise lake to full pool by March 1 and maintain to December 1?
Project Operations	Can APC do a trial of raising winter pool and evaluate all impacts to resources?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	How does the need for flood control effect winter pool levels? Assure flood control requirements are met during any change in the rule curve
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effects of raising the winter pool elevation even 5 feet would eliminate shoreline work - if seawalls aren't erected, increase in erosion due to boat wake
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Is there an option to retain 10 feet drawdown on a periodic basis (every other year for 1 month)?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Will APC ask the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to re-evaluate their navigation requirements? Review times when flooding is more probable
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effects of project operation on all aspects of water quality – including tributaries and downstream
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Hazard buoy markings become critical at these levels (elevation 486 - 484)
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Limit future permitted water withdrawals, especially municipalities and new withdrawals
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Evaluate effects of project operation (timing of releases, magnitude, duration) on the different life-stages of aquatic resources
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Evaluate/investigate siltation issues in Red Creek, Blue creek -- due to timber industry
Project Operations	Both Harris and Martin need to be evaluated together; provide a basin review
Project Operations	Keep summer pool at 491 msl through October
Project Operations	Evaluate Harris Reservoir to see if it can share storage (flood) with Lake Martin



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Project Operations	Accommodate/increase existed permitted withdrawals for riparian use
Project Operations	Opportunity for adaptive management (in terms of operations)
Project Operations	Renew the river --investigate methods to reduce trash/debris on bottom of lake; extend window of opportunity for collection days
Project Operations	All evaluations of changes in operation must consider Harris operations; all studies should document the interaction of Harris with Martin
Project Operations	Remain at 489' elevation in winter; periodically drop to 481'
Project Operations	5 feet draw down would reduce rate of siltation
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Investigate changing all Tallapoosa River license terms so they all expire at once
Shoreline Management-Recreation	The lake bed is eroding due to lake level fluctuations on a seasonal basis--plant rye grass
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Overflows at Dadeville-what are the impacts to Sandy Creek?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Impacts of flows at Martin on Lake Wedowee
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is being withdrawn in terms of water -- how does it correlate to population?
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Keep 10 feet winter drawdown to accommodate flood and to help home owners to work on docks
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Hazards in the main body of the lake - some areas need to be marked or removed
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Need for more formal and primitive camping and provide trash containers at boat ramps
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Protect Smith Mountain area
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	High density development in sloughs (houses and boat docks) -boat congestion and safety issues
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Mark hazards at 485' and 483'; remove hazards
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Provide consistency in requirements for permitting
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Physically protect islands for habitat/recreation use; restore and protect Sand Island



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Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Obligations to issue permits to commercial operations
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Limit mooring buoys especially around natural/undeveloped areas
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	APC should protect lands in perpetuity not just through land classifications
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Evaluate impacts to recreation in Sandy Creek as a result of water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Accessibility to Irwin Shoals area
Project Operations	Need night time navigation aids on Lake Martin; need lighting on hazard buoys
Project Operations	Need for additional parking at Kowaliga launch
Project Operations	Process of zoning on lands around project - should include APC and counties
Project Operations	APC should add more no-wake zones
Project Operations	Over development of lake - condominiums, people, aesthetics
Project Operations	Protecting additional construction areas-preservation and conservation
Project Operations	Need for additional public ramps and need for improving existing ramps - Blue Creek, Castaway ramps are both in bad shape
Project Operations	Speed limits on water - coves, no wake zones, etc.; boat traffic in sloughs
Project Operations	Need for shoreline restoration around scenic overlook; also need repairing of picnic tables, and debris removal
Project Operations	Need for additional hiking trails around the Martin Project, especially in the upper reservoir
Project Operations	Restrictions are needed around the power lines near Still Waters
Project Operations	Cemeteries that exist under water (Coosa County)
Project Operations	Permitting fee guidelines
Project Operations	Additional passive recreation areas are needed (walking, biking, etc.)



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Project Operations	There are changes occurring in the water quality in Sandy Creek, Blue Creek, Upper area which are currently undeveloped - keep undeveloped to protect water quality
Project Operations	Consider public recreation and commercial needs and get the economic value of recreation (boating and fishing) on the Lake to aid in making balanced decisions about water level management
Project Operations	Evaluate how no wake zones are determined -- consider property damage and siltation/erosion in addition to safety - look at all the high use areas
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Add more "DARE" parks on the Kowaliga side
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Address ADA facilities/access
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Mark a safe channel in the shallows of upper reservoir
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Apply consistent enforcement of shoreline regulations
Shoreline Management-Recreation	There is an overall lack of zoning ordinances
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Use adaptive management in the new license and leave FERC out
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Keep future recreational lands as natural/undeveloped
Shoreline Management-Recreation	What are the effects of sewage outflows into the reservoir?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Evaluate shoreline erosion and water quality impacts from increased boat traffic
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Causeways and bridges to islands - are these permitted?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Impacts of 4-wheelers in lake bed and on other property
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Impacts of camping on islands -- litter, etc.
Shoreline Management-Recreation	How to control condominium development?
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Should be requirements to include lighting on boat docks for safety
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Should be requirement to place rip rap at the base of sea walls
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Length of permit term



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Shoreline Management-Recreation	Need to have regulations for fires on project lands
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Litter/debris removal issues at Sturdivant Creek Ramp and other areas
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Area of Madwin Creek and DARE Park should be permanently undeveloped
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Measure the opportunity cost of lost recreation due to water level management - see study done in 1990's on this issue by Auburn University and funded by APC -- update this study
Shoreline Management-Recreation	At public use areas it would be nice to have trails (walking, biking), ecological signs/info, better accessibility by Smith Mountain and DARE Park
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	What is the carrying capacity of the lake? Identify capacity of the lake, and recreation development
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	There is a need for more bank fishing
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Consider establishing a carrying capacity -- look at boat lengths, boat numbers, boat horsepower, speed limits (Lake Lanier is bad)
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Water patrols (Alabama Marine Police) should be involved in Relicensing
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Regulate the disposal of holding tanks on boats - require pumping station per "X " number of slips
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Enforce noise regulation for boats
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	New development, re-inspection of systems and impacts to water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect on water quality in Lake Martin of not using BMPs with regard to development
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Proceed cautiously with lake level change and examine effects for water quality, fish and plants
Project Operations	Increase DO in project discharge from 4 to 5 mg/l
Project Operations	Impact of project operations and lake level changes on head cutting in the tributaries and sediment accumulation
Project Operations	Impact of lake level changes on water quality and erosion
Project Operations	Reduce the amount of pollution/sewage coming into the lake (point and non-point) sources
Shoreline Management-Recreation	Control nutrient loading; address the effects of invasive/exotic species on the Lake



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Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	The balance between property improvements and impacts to fishery habitat
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Impacts of storm water run off, houseboats, and marinas on the water quality of Lake Martin
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effect of illegal discharges on Lake water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Effects of Coley Waste Water treatment plant on Lake Martin water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	NPDES permits from Alexander City and impact to Wind Creek and Lake Martin water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Need to have (water quality) monitoring in the embayments
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	APC should provide greater commitment to increase buffer zone around Lake Martin to improve water quality
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Need to have a hydrodynamic model for Lake Martin to understand flow and water quality in lake (3-D model)
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Calpine power plant impacts to Hillabee Creek
Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality	Impacts of unregulated primitive camping/debris/erosion on wildlife and vegetation



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9 AM – 3 PM

Betty Carol Graham Center, Alexander City, AL

AGENDA

9:00 AM	Opening Remarks and Review Agenda
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Overview of Issues Workshop Summary
9:30 – 11:45 AM	Project Operations Information Session
11:45 – 12:45 PM	LUNCH
12:45 – 2:00 PM	Shoreline Management Information Session
2:00 – 2:45 PM	FERC Relicensing Process and Activities in 2007
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Closing Comments and Review Action Items