

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Project No. 349-150 – Alabama
Martin Dam Hydroelectric Project
Alabama Power Company

Mr. Jerry L. Stewart, Senior Vice President
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Subject: Granting Request to Reschedule Study Plan Meeting for the Martin Dam Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Stewart:

As part of your filing of the process plan and schedule for using the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) for the Martin Dam Project, you requested a waiver of the Commission's regulations at §5.11. These regulations require that the ILP Study Plan Meeting be held no later than 30 days after the deadline for filing the proposed Study Plan. Based on your timely filing of the project Study Plan on November 17, 2008, and the Commission's regulations at § 5.11, the deadline for holding the Study Plan Meeting would be December 17, 2008. You indicate that holding Study Plan Meetings for the 21 proposed study plans that close to the holidays would result in poor attendance. Therefore, you propose to schedule the Study Plan meeting on January 7, 2009, instead of December 17, 2008.

I find that this relatively short extension of time (19 days plus 2 holidays) would not unduly delay the conduct of studies, or the preparation and processing of your license application. Changing the meeting as you request will not alter any other pre-filing milestones. Comments on your proposed Study Plan are still due February 16, 2009. The minor delay would give stakeholders additional time to review the 21 study plans and prepare for the Study Plan meetings. This would likely foster a better collaborative working relationship with the stakeholders and enhance resolution of issues related to the Study Plan. Therefore, pursuant to § 5.29(f)(2), I grant your request, and modify the Martin Dam Project's schedule for holding your Study Plan meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Emery at (202) 502-8379, or by e-mail at lee.emery@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Robinson
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