

Project Nos. 2146-090, 82-019, 618-104 -
GA & AL
Coosa River, Mitchell & Jordan
Hydroelectric Projects
Alabama Power Company
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Larry Goldman, Field Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Goldman:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby designates Alabama Power Company (APC) as the Commission's non-Federal representative for the purpose of initiating consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for any Federally listed species. This action is in regards to APC's relicensing process and application for the Coosa River, Mitchell and Jordan Hydroelectric Projects.

The current licenses for these projects expire on July 31, 2007. APC is using the Alternative Licensing Process to prepare a preliminary draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that will be part of its relicensing application in lieu of an exhibit E. Kleinschmidt Associates is the contractor that may be performing services for APC in connection with any listed species and in preparation of the EA. The application for a new license will be filed with the Commission by July 31, 2005.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Ron McKittrick at (770) 452-3778 or email Ronald.mckittrick@ferc.gov .

Sincerely,

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