

**Coosa-Warrior River Hydroelectric Projects  
Cultural Resource Meeting Summary  
held August 14, 2002  
Project Nos. 82-019, 618-104, 2146-090, and 2165-015**

Meeting Attendees:

Janet Hutzler - FERC  
Patti Leppert - FERC  
Lindsey Breithaupt - Alabama Historical Commission  
Amanda McBride - Alabama Historical Commission  
Lee Anne Hewett - Alabama Historical Commission  
Tom Maher - Alabama Historical Commission  
Mike Akridge - Alabama Power Company  
Bill Gardner - Alabama Power Company  
Viki Jenkins - Alabama Power Company  
Barry Lovett - Alabama Power Company  
Bill Sim - Alabama Power Company  
Kelly Schaeffer - Kleinschmidt Associates  
Carey B. Oakley - MACTEC  
Kenneth H. Carleton - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Jean Allan - U.S. Forest Service  
Elrand Denson - U.S. Forest Service  
Darryl Harley - U.S. Forest Service  
Bob Pasquill - U.S. Forest Service

After introductions, Alabama Power Company (APC) discussed the Coosa-Warrior River Hydroelectric Projects and the alternative licensing process (ALP) that APC is using to relicense the projects. Under the guidelines of the ALP, APC has developed outreach programs to involve stakeholders and workshops to enable stakeholders to identify issues or concerns. Currently, stakeholders are engaged in discussions concerning recreation, land, and ecological issues for the Coosa and Warrior River Projects.

APC anticipates, with stakeholder input, to identify and conduct studies in order to assess project-related environmental issues and to engage in settlement discussions. APC anticipates filing license applications and two applicant prepared environmental assessments (one for Coosa River Projects and one for Warrior River Project) in the summer of 2005. The licenses for the projects expire in 2007.

FERC staff explained Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the roles of the agency and APC for the relicensing the projects. Under Section 106, FERC initiates consultation with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) and Indian Tribes, and delegates authority to APC to continue consultation with the SHPOs, the Tribes, and other participants on behalf of FERC<sup>1</sup>. APC continues day - to-day consultation with participants, and prepares information, analyses, and recommendations<sup>2</sup>. FERC remains responsible for all required findings and determinations. For the Coosa-Warrior River Projects, FERC staff anticipate developing, in consultation with APC, the Alabama and Georgia SHPOs, and Tribes, and executing two Programmatic Agreements.

Mr. Kenneth H. Carleton, of the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw Indians, states that FERC does not have the authority to delegate authority to APC to continue Section 106 consultation. Mr. Carleton states that the Tribes would only consult on a government-to- government basis.

APC provided an overview of known cultural resource sites within or transverse the projects' boundaries. Records from the University of Alabama, the Alabama Historical Commission, the University of Georgia, and the Georgia Historic Preservation were used to compile the inventory of known sites. A cd containing each project's known sites and the associated documentation will be given to the Section 106 participants.

After the participants reviewed the inventory of known sites, the participants discussed the area of potential effects (APE), and the potential need for additional cultural resource surveys. The participants agreed to define the APE for the Warrior River Project at the next meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for either November 13 or 14, 2002, at APC Corporate Headquarters. The APE for the Coosa River Projects would be defined at a later meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

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<sup>1</sup>Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (Council) regulation 36 C.F.R. Part 800.2(c)(4). See also Federal Energy Regulatory Commission letter dated April 17, 2002.

<sup>2</sup>Council's regulation 36 C.F.R. Part 800.2(a)(3).