

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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April 6, 2009

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

Mr. Eugene B. Allison, Hydro General Manager  
Alabama Power Company  
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Birmingham, AL 35291.

**Subject: Approval of revised Process Plan and Schedule for the Martin Dam  
Hydroelectric Project**

Dear Mr. Allison:

On February 16, 2009, you filed with the Commission a revised Process Plan and Schedule for the Martin Dam Hydroelectric Project.

The original Process Plan and Schedule included a date of May 3, 2009 for the Director's Study Plan Determination. I conclude that this date reflects an inadvertent error regarding the due date for the Director's determination letter. You changed the date from May 3, 2009 to a new due date of April 17, 2009, which then required other minor changes in the schedule.

The revised schedule correctly identifies the date for the Director's Study Plan Determination as April 17, 2009. In addition, the new schedule includes dates for studies and other activities that conform with the time frames required by 18 CFR §§ 5.15(a) and 5.15(c)(1). Therefore, I approve the revised Process Plan and Schedule for the Martin Dam Project, as filed on February 16, 2009. I enclose a copy of the revised Process Plan and Schedule with this letter.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Pawlowski, Chief  
Hydro East Branch 2

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Enclosure: Process Plan and Schedule for the Martin Dam Hydroelectric Project

### Process Plan and Schedule for the Martin Dam Hydroelectric Project

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe and Regulations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
File NOI and Pre-Application Document (PAD)	Alabama Power Company	18 CFR § 5.5, 5.6	June 5, 2008
Initial Tribal Consultation Meeting	FERC	18 CFR § 5.7	July 7, 2008
Commission notices NOI/PAD and issues Scoping Document 1	FERC	Within 60 days of filing NOI & PAD 18 CFR § 5.8	August 5, 2008
Commission holds Scoping Meetings/Site Visit	FERC	Within 30 days of NOI & PAD notice & issuance of SD1 18 CFR § 5.8(b)(viii)	September 10, 2008
Comments on NOI, PAD, SD1, and Study Requests	All Stakeholders	Within 60 days of NOI & PAD notice & issuance of SD1 18 CFR § 5.9	October 3, 2008
Proposed Study Plan	Alabama Power Company	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on SD1 18 CFR § 5.11(a)	November 17, 2008
Study Plan Meeting(s)	All Stakeholders	Within 30 days of deadline for filing proposed Study Plan 18 CFR § 5.11(e)	January 6, 2009 (week of)
Comments on Proposed Study Plan	All Stakeholders	Within 90 days after Proposed Study Plan is filed 18 CFR § 5.12	February 16, 2009
Revised Study Plan (if necessary)	Alabama Power Company	Within 30 days of deadline for comments on Proposed Study Plan 18 CFR § 5.13(a)	March 18, 2009
Comments on Revised Study Plan	All Stakeholders	Within 15 days following Revised Study Plan 18 CFR § 5.13(b)	April 2, 2009
Director's Study Plan Determination	FERC	Within 30 days following Revised Study Plan 18 CFR § 5.13(c)	April 17, 2009

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe and Regulations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Mandatory conditioning agencies file notice of study disputes, if applicable	Agencies with Mandatory Conditioning Authority	Within 20 days of Director's Study Plan Determination 18 CFR § 5.14(a)	May 7, 2009
<i>Formal Study Dispute Resolution Process (if necessary)</i>	Stakeholders, FERC, Alabama Power Company	Study Dispute Resolution Process and Determination on Study Dispute 18 CFR § 5.14	May 7 to July 16, 2009
First Study Season	Alabama Power Company	Potential applicant must gather information and conduct studies as provided for in the approved study plan and schedule. 18 CFR § 5.15(a)	2009 study season (April –October)
Initial Study Report	Alabama Power Company	Pursuant to the Commission-Approved study plan and schedule provided in § 5.13 <u>OR</u> no later than 365 days from Study Determination 18 CFR § 5.15(c)(1)	November 20, 2009
Initial Study Report Meeting	All Stakeholders	Within 15 days from Initial Report 18 CFR § 5.15(c)(2)	December 4, 2009
Initial Study Report Meeting Summary	Alabama Power Company	Within 15 days following the Initial Study Report meeting 18 CFR § 5.15(c)(3)	December 21, 2009
Study Disputes/Request to Modify Study Plan	All Stakeholders	Within 30 days of Study Report Meeting Summary 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	January 20, 2010
Responses to Disputes/Study Requests	All Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing of Meeting Summary Disagreements 18 CFR § 5.15(c) (5)	February 19, 2010

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe and Regulations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Director's Resolution on Disagreement and Amended Study Plan Approval	FERC	Within 30 days of filing Responses to Disputes/Study Requests 18 CFR § 5.15(c)(5)	March 22, 2010
Second Study Season	Alabama Power Company	18 CFR § 5.15(a)	2010 study season (April – August)
Updated Study Report	Alabama Power Company	Pursuant to the Commission-Approved study plan and schedule provided in § 5.13 <u>OR</u> no later than two years after Commission approval of study plan and schedule 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	September 1, 2010
Updated Study Report Meeting	All Stakeholders	Within 15 days of Updated Study Report 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	September 16, 2010
Updated Study Report Meeting Summary	Alabama Power Company	Within 15 days of Study Results Meeting 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	October 1, 2010
Study Disputes/Request to Modify Study Plan	All Stakeholders	Within 30 days of Study Report Meeting Summary 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	November 1, 2010
Responses to Disputes/Study Requests	All Stakeholders	Within 30 days of filing of Meeting Summary Disagreements 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	December 1, 2010
Director's Resolution on Disagreement and Amended Study Plan Approval	FERC	Within 30 days of filing Responses to Disputes/Study Requests 18 CFR § 5.15(f)	December 31, 2010
File PLP	Alabama Power Company	No later than 150 days prior to the deadline for filing a new application 18 CFR § 5.16(a)	January 7, 2011
Comments on Applicant's Preliminary Licensing Proposal,	All Stakeholders	Within 90 days of filing PLP or draft license	April 7, 2011

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeframe and Regulations</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Additional Information Requests (if necessary)		application 18 CFR § 5.16(e)	
License Application Filed	Alabama Power Company	18 CFR § 5.17	June 8, 2011

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