

MEETING NOTES

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
MARTIN RELICENSING
LAKE MARTIN HOBO MEETING**

**STILLWATERS YACHT CLUB
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Jim Crew	Alabama Power Company	David Winsor	LMHOBO
Jesse Cunningham	Lake Martin HOBO	Larry Brantley	LMHOBO
John Glasier	Lake Watch - LMHOBO	Kelly Schaeffer	Kleinschmidt
Dave Heinzen	LMHOBO	Dave Anderson	Kleinschmidt
Matt Campbell	LMHOBO	Henry Mealing	Kleinschmidt
Chuck Lehman	Stillwater Yacht Club		

ACTION ITEMS:

- Conduct training exercise for the LMHOBO for using FERC's electronic filing system
- Update Martin relicensing website to include study plan comment letters and meeting notes not currently posted
- Set up meeting for flood frequency control model review and question and answer session with Ashley McVicar (APC) in APC's Birmingham Office
- Research history of establishing the winter elevation of Martin Lake at of 480 ft Martin Datum (MD)
- Send Matt Campbell a hard copy of proposed land classification maps that APC distributed after the September 2007 meeting.
- Send Jesse Cunningham a copy of FERC's Shoreline Management Guidelines, which also contain the Standard land use Article.

MEETING NOTES:

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.



MEETING NOTES

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY MARTIN RELICENSING LAKE MARTIN HOBO MEETING

**STILLWATERS YACHT CLUB
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

The meeting began with basic introductions of KA staff and Lake Martin HOBO members, who identified the designated representatives for each of the Martin Issue Groups (MIGs). The meeting agenda was reviewed (attached) and no changes to the agenda were made.

Kelly Schaeffer reviewed the FERC ILP study plan development and approval process with the group emphasizing that study plans filed with the Pre-Application Document in June 2008 will not likely be final study plans. APC's intent is to develop consensus based study plans to file with FERC in November 2008; however, should any stakeholder disagree with one or more of the studies proposed by APC, they will have adequate opportunity after November 2008 to file their preferred study with FERC for its consideration. FERC approval of APC's study plan (which includes all the studies APC is proposing) is anticipated to be April 2009.

HOBO members had several questions regarding the scoping document, electronic filing, and the types of documents that should be filed with FERC. APC offered to provide a "training" session for the HOBOs on electronic filing. APC also clarified that they will post letters submitted to APC on the Martin relicensing website, which is <http://www.alabamapower.com/hydro/martin.asp>. HOBO members also asked about the number of groups involved with the Lake Martin relicensing. Jim Crew noted that there are approximately ten entities actively participating in the Lake Martin relicensing but there are numerous entities on the mailing list that receive all of the relicensing correspondence. There was some discussion on costs associated with relicensing and whether APC has flexibility in the costs they will incur. Jim noted that there is flexibility in what APC will spend on conducting studies, as long as the study provides data relevant to relicensing and is useful to FERC in making their license decision. It was further noted that more interaction between stakeholders and the agencies involved in relicensing is needed.

The meeting then turned to a discussion of a possible rule curve change on Lake Martin. Jim Crew explained that APC had finished conducting some initial modeling of their flood control operations to help determine what rule curve changes may be feasible to analyze in relicensing. The methodology for the model was reviewed. It was explained that according to the model results, an increase in winter levels of three feet (from elevation 480 to el. 483) would cause a 1 to 3 foot increase in flood elevation in the Tallapoosa River downstream of Martin Dam and an increase in the peak discharge during a 100-yr. flood event, using existing operations. APC presented this information in a February 5, 2008 meeting with FERC to obtain guidance from FERC on implementing a rule curve variance for relicensing study purposes. The FERC indicated that APC would have to consult with downstream stakeholders to determine the effects of an increased flood elevation and consider the environmental impacts. FERC also noted that it would not likely approve any relicensing variance request that increases flooding downstream. APC noted that based on this discussion with FERC, they would not file a request to FERC for approval of a relicensing rule curve variance, but they would continue to analyze changes in the winter rule curve and extending the summer full pool season as part of relicensing.



MEETING NOTES

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
MARTIN RELICENSING
LAKE MARTIN HOBO MEETING**

**STILLWATERS YACHT CLUB
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

The HOBO members had several questions on the model, including whether actual data were used (the model was run with parameters equal to the flood of March 1990), and why winter water levels in Lake Martin would affect a flood that typically occurs in the spring of the year. APC agreed to schedule a meeting between Ashley McVicar (APC) and stakeholders with an interest in learning about the inputs to and outputs from the model. At that meeting, she would walk through the modeling results with stakeholders and answer questions. It was agreed that technically capable HOBO members (John Glasier & Dick Bronson) should review the model with APC personnel and any remaining questions would be answered at that time. APC has not modeled the proposal to extend the summer full pool season but intends to complete that analysis in 2008.

There was some discussion about the baseline being used to determine impacts of the Martin Dam. HOBO members wanted to know the history of establishing the winter elevation of 480 ft (MD). They contended that with the additional storage available at Lake Harris, Martin should be able to accommodate higher levels and still provide appropriate flood control. HOBO members wanted to know about possible other methods for achieving higher winter levels and improving the perception of the purpose of higher winter levels (economic impact vs. just for "recreation"). Results from a survey conducted by the LMHOBO were presented. Businesses around the lake reported approximately a 50 - 80% decline in sales in 2007 over the previous summer (2006). HOBO members reiterated the economic importance of Lake Martin to the surrounding counties.

The meeting then turned to discussing specific comments by the HOBO on the draft relicensing study plans. The purpose of a requested water quality model was discussed. The HOBO cited the importance of being able to compare alternative rule curve changes using the model. John Glasier recommended some "simple" models in various sections of the Lake be considered that would primarily focus on nutrient loading. He suggested that we also include information from the Alabama Office of Water Resources (OWR) to respond to comments on plans for future water withdrawals. John also provided an update on the application to Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to classify Lake Martin as an Outstanding Alabama Water, which would influence future inputs to the lake. Lake Watch filed an application with ADEM in 2006, and ADEM staff are still reviewing the application. John stated that Lake Watch members are meeting with ADEM the week of February 18th to discuss the application and schedule for ADEM's decision.

HOBO members also clarified their comments regarding hazard markers and questioned whether relicensing was the appropriate time to change shoreline permitting regulations. It was agreed that relicensing provides the perfect opportunity for reviewing APC's permit regulations. The current hazard marking system operated by the Lake Martin Resource Association (LMRA) was discussed. HOBO members expressed their desire to improve the hazard marking system and stressed the importance of making sure the system remains in place. The HOBO emphasized their desire to



MEETING NOTES

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
MARTIN RELICENSING
LAKE MARTIN HOBO MEETING**

**STILLWATERS YACHT CLUB
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

obtain a barge that would be dedicated to Lake Martin. They noted that the Lake clean up had to be scheduled in June because there isn't an APC clean up barge available until then. The HOBOS identified Jim Koppen as the individual that works on the mapping of hazards and is responsible for putting out the hazard buoys.

The HOBOS re-emphasized that the Lake Martin relicensing should be a transparent and inclusive process. They requested that all meeting notes and letters from stakeholders be placed on the Lake Martin relicensing website and that APC include all stakeholders in the process. Jim Crew responded that APC would update the website and that the MIG meetings were an ideal arena to discuss issues and potential protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) measures. APC will continue to meet with groups like the HOBOS to clarify and discuss their specific comments and issues but will also provide a broader venue for continuing to work toward consensus based study plans and final PME measures to be included in the new license application.

The meeting was adjourned.



MEETING NOTES

*ALABAMA POWER COMPANY
MARTIN RELICENSING
LAKE MARTIN HOBO MEETING*

*STILLWATERS YACHT CLUB
FEBRUARY 13, 2008*



Agenda

Martin Project Relicensing
Lake Martin Home Owners & Boat Owners Association

February 13, 2008
9:30 AM

Meeting Purpose: Review and discuss study plan comments presented by Lake Martin HOBO, clarify some of the requests and provide an update on ILP process.

9:30 AM Introductions, Review Meeting Purpose and Agenda

9:40 AM Update on Martin Rule Curve Proposed Variance

9:50 AM Study Plan Comments

- Jesse Cunningham's letter of January 31, 2008
- Dave Heinzen's letter of January 21, 2008

11:00 AM Review Next Steps in ILP Process

11:30 AM Adjourn

