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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1A
Washington DC 20426

RE: MARTIN DAM PROJECT (P-349-150), Comments on Changes to Initial Study Reports.

Dear Secretary Bose,

On December 3, 2009, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and other stakeholders attended the Martin Project P-349-150, Changes to Initial Study Reports Meeting hosted by the Alabama Power Company (APC). ADCNR's comments with regards to the study plan changes are as follows.

Study Plan 5: Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Surveys

ADCNR concurs with current study goals of *Study Plan 5: Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Surveys*, dealing with terrestrial wildlife species (red cockaded woodpecker and bald eagle) as there were no changes.

Study Plan 7: Wildlife Management Program

The draft wildlife management plan is still pending to date and ADCNR concurs with current study goals of *Study Plan 7: Wildlife Management Plan* as there were no changes. ADCNR and US Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS) are recommending longleaf pine ecosystem restoration on project lands. ADCNR, US FWS and APC are working together on the details of the wildlife management plan.

Study Plan 13: Shoreline Management Plan

The draft shoreline management plan is still pending to date and ADCNR concurs with current study goals of *Study Plan 13: Shoreline Management Plan* as there were no changes. ADCNR wants to see provisions in the shoreline management plan that provides sound management practices to protect the buffer zone areas. The primary goals are to lessen the negative impacts to terrestrial and semi aquatic wildlife species that utilize the shoreline and to minimize erosion, sedimentation and point source pollution on project lands within the Lake Martin watershed.

Study Plan 14: Recreation Plan

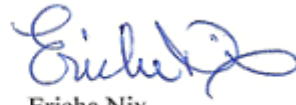
The draft recreation plan is still pending to date and ADCNR concurs with current study goals of *Study Plan 14: Recreation Plan* as there were no changes. ADCNR still requests that public hunting opportunities be offered as another recreational opportunity. The present Martin license does not have provisions for public hunting.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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