



# Alabama Clean Water Partnership

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Mr. Mike Akridge, General Manager  
Alabama Power  
P. O. Box 2641  
Birmingham, AL 35291-0011

Dear Mr. Akridge:

The Alabama Clean Water Partnership would like to request Alabama Power's financial support for funding to assist in the preparation of the Lower Coosa Clean Water Management Plan. As you know, the Alabama Clean Water Partnership is a statewide coalition of public and private stakeholders working to restore and protect the state's river basins in accordance with the goals of the Clean Water Act.

The Lower Coosa Management Plan project is funded at \$131,000 of which \$81,000 will be obtained from EPA grants. The remainder of the funding will be provided by "in-kind" contributions and cash contributions from various sponsors. All funding has been obtained to date with the exception of approximately \$21,000.

The Coosa Management Plan will include a holistic watershed management plan for the Lower Coosa River Basin. The geographic area encompasses the Lower Coosa River and its tributaries to the confluence with the Alabama River, in all or parts of seven counties, including the mainstem reservoirs of lakes Lay, Mitchell, and Jordan. The plan, at a minimum, will identify basin-wide natural resource concerns, challenges, and impairments; and provide stakeholders with reasonable courses of action to protect, restore, and maintain the chemical, physical, biological, and habitat integrity of aquatic ecosystems. It will present a technically sound, economically efficient, and environmentally protective strategy that promotes consistency and coordination of management efforts, citizen education and outreach, and water quality protection and stewardship.

We would expect the Plan to provide valuable information and support for Alabama Power Company hydroelectric projects in the lower Coosa Basin and thus are requesting the Company's support in the form of a \$7,000 contribution to this effort. We will be more than glad to provide you with copies of the Plan upon completion.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Grogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

John D. Grogan  
Board Chairman  
Alabama Clean Water Partnership

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