



May 11, 2021

Ms. Kimberly Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: P-349-208. Comment for proposed project: Alabama Power Company filed application for commercial dock on behalf of Lake Martin Land Company, LLC with letter dated: April 20, 2021.

Dear Secretary Bose:

Please accept and file this comment by The Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners Association, Inc. (HOBOS). The HOBOS support the established homeowners who are trying to prevent overdevelopment of a small body of water in the close proximity of their property.

FERC requested additional information from Alabama Power Company (APC) via letter on March 25, 2021, and APC responded with letter referenced above on April 20, 2021.

In addition to our earlier comments filed with FERC, the HOBOS feel that little to nothing has been offered by the developer to correct the inherent problems with the plans. Removing scaled drawings of 20 foot boats from the plans does nothing to solve the crowding of the slough. The majority of boats on Lake Martin are longer than 20 feet, not counting the motor, so the drawing misrepresents the actual crowding. The average boat size on the lake is 22' to 24', not including the outboard motor, or swim platform.

As a homeowner has already commented, the drawings submitted only show three homes in the slough, which is incorrect. Why would the developer and APC submit such to FERC for approval?

FERC identified a very bad situation in the small, tight, shallow slough. Swimmers will be in obvious danger anywhere in the slough, and the developers suggested solution was to put up three NO SWIMMING signs along the boardwalk, and that supposedly will solve the dangerous situation. Anyone swimming anywhere in the slough is in danger of being run over by a boat. Who will enforce the NO SWIMMING? Has the Marine Patrol agreed to accept the responsibility and liability for lives in danger? Has Lake Martin Land Company? Has Alabama Power Company? NO SWIMMING will be required for the entire slough because of the danger of boats moving in very cramped areas. What about the existing homeowners? People buying expensive property on the lake expect to have a great, relaxing visit with a place for their children to swim and be safe. That will not be possible in this slough, as planned.

Another concern of the Lake Martin HOBOS, not specific to this project, but could affect developments on Lake Martin is the approval process used by FERC. Alabama Power Company has historically leased, and then sold, about 2,000 lots to homeowners on our lake. In the last few years, APC has begun developing subdivisions on the lake with lots for sale, and possibly is developing a narrow lot subdivision that will require a commercial style marina. Since APC must approve other developments before submitting to FERC for approval, who will approve APC developments with commercial style marinas prior to submission to FERC?

We appreciate the opportunity afforded by FERC to participate in the approval process for decisions that affect Lake Martin. Please understand that our comments reflect the best interests of all residents and owners on our lake.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse M. Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jesse M. Cunningham
Vice President
Lake Martin HOBOS

