



July 12, 2011

VIA EMAIL

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

RE: Martin Dam Project #349-150

Dear Secretary Bose:

The members of the Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners Association, Inc, a 501c(3), non-profit organization made up of Lake Martin residents, property owners, and small business owners feel that we must appeal to the FERC to suspend the initiation of the Environmental Analysis for the relicensing of Martin Dam. Alabama Power Company has filed the Final Licensing Application (FLA) which proposes a PME measure to annually evaluate maintaining the reservoir's pool elevation above its flood control guide curve from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, if various discharge and reservoir stage specifications are met for the Tallapoosa and Coosa River Basins. However, Alabama Power did not provide supporting historical data and related analysis for each of the specifications proposed for the PME.

It appears, Alabama Power's PME recommendations for the extension of the summer pool levels to October 15<sup>th</sup>, is being offered as an alternative to stakeholders' recommendation to extend the flood control guide curve (rule curve) to the end of September. We feel that studies conducted during the relicensing process support the extension; however, APCo substituted the PME measure without sufficient analysis to justify its merit and environmental impact ramifications. Moreover, Alabama Power has begun a publicity effort to gain support for their change, Mr. Jim Crew, Relicensing Manager, has been quoted in the media on at least three occasions as saying the PME measures will allow extended summer levels at least 25% of the time, based on historical data from the past 60+ years. However, no supporting documentation is offered to support this claim. We believe this last minute change violates the rules of the ILP process since no information has been made available for stakeholder review.

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The fall extension of summer pool levels is the most critical of the proposals made by stakeholders and we request that all stakeholders be provided modeling output and related data and analyses pertinent to this PME proposal for their review, prior to proceeding with the environmental analysis.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sincerely,

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

Jesse M. Cunningham  
President  
Lake Martin HOBOS