June 20, 2007

Via email

Mr. Willard Bowers VP-Environmental Affairs Alabama Power Company P.O. Box 2641 Birmingham, AL 35203

Dear Mr. Bowers:

As Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners (HOBOs) Association, Inc., I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new organization. We look forward to working with Alabama Power Company during the Martin Dam re-licensing process. Please ensure that our organization is kept abreast of developments and placed on any distribution lists regarding all past or future matters or correspondence of the Martin Dam re-licensing process.

Representatives of the HOBOs will be available to sit on each of the six Martin Issue Groups (MIGs) along side Lake Watch and CALM, associated groups with the HOBOs. Please reserve space for these representatives of Lake Martin enthusiasts.

Our primary mission is to work together with home owners and property owners, boat owners, local businesses, local, state and federal agencies and others to foster long term partnerships to preserve, protect and enhance the overall quality of life of all living things in and around Lake Martin – The Crown Jewel of the South, including lake levels and water quality, shoreline preservation, fishing, wildlife, recreational activities and the safety of all boaters. For additional information on the Lake Martin HOBOs, please visit our website at http://www.lakemartin.org/.

It is our understanding the date of Saturday, July 14, 2007, has been set aside as the date of Alabama Power's Renew Our Rivers clean up efforts on Lake Martin and the HOBOs would like to help support your efforts in this venture. Please provide me with any information you may have or needs the HOBOs might help fulfill in supporting this great cause.

With regards to Alabama Power's May 2007 petition to the Army Corp of Engineers to reduce the current down steam water requirements, do you know if the petition was successful, as the HOBOs and other Lake Martin stakeholders, corresponded with Mr. Sumner in support of said petition? As I am sure you are fully aware without said relief of the downstream requirements and if the severe drought we are encountering were to continue through the summer months, Lake Martin could easily be at the 475 foot level or below. Any updates regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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In reviewing the Preliminary Information Document, dated December 2006, on Alabama Power Martin Dam re-licensing site the document states "Whenever the lake elevation drops below certain levels described in the operating license and remains there for seven days, APC reports this occurrence, by letter, to the FERC and Lake Martin Recreation Association." The Lake Martin HOBOs hereby respectively request our organization be added to the distribution list regarding said correspondence.

Please feel free to call me at anytime by phone at 256-825-0919, my email address is <u>jessecunningham@msn.com</u> or at the Lake Martin HOBO's mailing address as referred to below.

We look forward to working with Alabama Power to protect the interests of your company and the residents and stakeholders of Lake Martin.

Sincerely,
Jesse Cunningham
Chairman, Steering Committee
Lake Martin HOBOs

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