

# Lake Martin Home Owners & Boat Owners Association

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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Jim Crew  
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Dear Mr. Crew:

The Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners (HOBOs) Association appreciate the participation in the relicensing process assured by the FERC ILP program. The HOBOs will continue to represent and defend the best interests of Lake Martin.

While we appreciate Alabama Power's desire to standardize the policies and procedures of its various lakes, the HOBOs recommend that APCo develop a program that sets some common policies for all its lakes and then customizes policies and shoreline guides that reflect the needs of each lake community. With some lakes under Corps of Engineers guidelines, some lakes with flood easements, some with no level variation, some with great level changes, a standardized policy just does not work well. We would like to see Shoreline Management Guidelines developed just for the needs of this lake; not guidelines developed as a shotgun approach for all lakes.

In Appendix A of the draft document, two previous comments of the HOBOs are addressed:

**Bridges on Lake Martin** – In the comments section APCo defends its “no policy” on bridges by pointing out its authority provided under FERC’s Standard Land Use Article sub-paragraphs (c) and (d), which do give the Licensee authority to approve bridges on Project Lands. The Lake Martin HOBOs request that Alabama Power make a commitment to the preservation of the integrity of our lake by instituting a policy whereby only governmental agencies will be granted approval to construct bridges and all stakeholders will be informed of any request for approval of bridge construction prior to approval.

**Trash Control on Project Lands** – Alabama Power acknowledges there is a trash and pollution problem on project lands, but has made no substantive proposal to correct the problem. Education is certainly helpful, but the HOBOs feel that the licensee has an obligation to maintain project lands in a clean, pristine manner. APCo proposes an “adopt an island” concept for others to clean APCo’s property, but what is Alabama Power committing to do to clean its property.

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We look forward to reviewing the final version of the land use map. While the Shoreline Management Program has functioned well for Lake Martin in the past, we feel the improvements mentioned above will greatly enhance the SMP for years to come.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sincerely,

Jesse M. Cunningham

President

Lake Martin HOBOS