



January 18, 2010

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*RE: Lake Martin MIG 5 Comments (Project 349-150)*

Dear Jim:

Pursuant to your request of December 11, 2009, for comments concerning your draft document (MIG 5 – Recreation), the Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners Association (HOBOS), Inc, would like to address the following issues:

- 1. Paragraph 9(c)** - During MIG meetings the HOBOS have mentioned several times the need for Alabama Power Company (APCo) to take a more active role in keeping its property clean, particularly the islands and other primitive camping areas. While it is certainly beneficial for campers to be able to use project lands for primitive camping, it remains APCo's responsibility to all stakeholders to periodically remove garbage and debris, especially from the islands.

Ideally, visitors should remove their own trash. APCo should develop a program to inform visitors of their responsibility to help keep the lake clean by removing all their trash. Signs at the camping sites would help educate the visitors. The *Renew Our Rivers* advertising campaign relies on stakeholder volunteers for an annual cleanup of a small area, but is inadequate for an area as large as Lake Martin.

APCo should institute a policy of cleaning all primitive camping sites at least twice a year. This could be accomplished with APCo employees or contract cleaning crews, at minimal expense.

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2. **Paragraph 14** – A meeting has been held with the Stillwaters Residential Association Board of Directors, Alabama Power representatives (Kleinschmidt), and HOB0 representatives to discuss the need for an additional boat ramp and parking lot in the Stillwaters subdivision area. The results of the meeting should be formalized in this working document.

The HOB0s appreciate the opportunity afforded by Alabama Power and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to participate in this relicensing of Martin Dam process.

**FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;**

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