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Project No. 2628-065
R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project
Draft Questionnaires for Recreation Evaluation Study

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

Dear Secretary Bose,

Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power) is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensee for the R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project (Harris Project) (FERC No. 2628). On March 13, 2019, Alabama Power filed a Revised Study Plan (RSP) for relicensing the Harris Project. On April 12, 2019, FERC issued a letter in which it approved the RSP, with staff-recommended modifications. The purpose of this filing is to address two of the staff recommendations on the Recreation Evaluation Study Plan (Study Plan).

First, FERC staff indicated that Alabama Power did not provide a draft questionnaire in the RSP for the downstream recreation use portion of the Study Plan. Further, based on stakeholder comments on the RSP, FERC staff recommended that Alabama Power include a goal for the downstream recreation use portion of the Study Plan to "evaluate visitor satisfaction with, and preferences for, recreation amenities" and that the questionnaire be modified to address this recommendation.

While FERC staff is correct that the questionnaire was not included in the RSP, Alabama Power did distribute a draft questionnaire to Harris Action Team (HAT) 5 members on February 15, 2019 and has incorporated substantive comments from the one response it received. In addition, Alabama Power has modified the questionnaire based on initial reconnaissance of the Tallapoosa River access sites and activities observed during these trips. Nevertheless, based on FERC staff's recommendations, Alabama Power has added additional questions to gather information on visitor satisfaction and amenity preferences. The questionnaire is contained in Attachment 1.

Second, FERC staff recommended that the Study Plan be modified to include visitor interviews at Project recreation sites on Lake Harris and that a questionnaire be developed in consultation with HAT 5 and other relicensing stakeholders. This recommendation further specified the surveys be conducted only at Flat Rock

Park and that data collection occur during the 2019 recreation season and include weekends and at least one holiday, targeting 300 survey responses.

As noted in the Study Plan, Alabama Power has already developed a sampling frame to determine use at Project recreation sites to be consistent with data collected in 2014. This sampling frame is more useful than trying to mimic the downstream portion of the Study Plan as it will allow comparisons to the previously collected data. It should be noted that the Recreation Evaluation Study Plan did not provide the length of time (4 hours) that each site will be observed each sampled day. Therefore, adding visitor interviews to the scope of the site counts at the Project recreation sites will not interfere with the survey clerk's ability to count use at each site and should allow for the collection of a representative number of interviews. The Study Plan will be modified to reflect that these interviews will take place during the counts and that survey clerks will conduct interviews with a randomized sample of recreation users that visit the site on the day the count is conducted. To address FERC staff's recommendation, Alabama Power has developed a questionnaire to be used at Project recreation sites to gather information on visitor impressions of existing facilities and the need for new recreation sites or upgrades. The questionnaire is provided in Attachment 2.

Alabama Power is concurrently sending this filing to HAT 5 members (membership list provided in Attachment 3). Any comments and or questions regarding the draft questionnaires should be sent to harrisrelicensing@southernco.com by May 7, 2019.

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at arsegars@southernco.com or 205-257-2251.

Sincerely,

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Harris Relicensing Project Manager

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Attachments (3)

cc: HAT 5

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2019 TALLAPOOSA RIVER USER SURVEY

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IF FISHING TRIP, COMPLETE BELOW TABLE: ASK WHAT SPECIES THEY TARGETED, HOW MANY HOURS THEY FISHED FOR EACH TARGETED SPECIES, AND NUMBER OF FISH CAUGHT, RELEASED AND HARVESTED FOR EACH SPECIES THEY CAUGHT (WHETHER TARGET SPECIES OR NOT). GET LENGTHS IN MILLIMETERS ON HARVESTED FISH AND PUT IN SECOND TABLE.

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TALLAPOOSA REDEYE BASS	104					
LARGEMOUTH BASS	105					
BREAM/SUNFISH (GENERAL)	106					
BLUEGILL	107					
REDEAR	108					
REDBREAST	109					
CRAPPIE (GENERAL)	110					
WHITE CRAPPIE	111					
BLACK CRAPPIE	112					
CATFISH (GENERAL)	113					
BLUE CATFISH	114					
CHANNEL CATFISH	115					
FLATHEAD CATFISH	116					
BULLHEAD CATFISH	117					
WHITE BASS	118					
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CARP	122					
BLACKTAIL REDHORSE	123					

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Attachment B
Questionnaire for Visitor Satisfaction with R.L. Harris
Project Recreation Sites and Access

Lake Harris Recreation Study

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		better parking lot		picnic tables/shelter		trash cans
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Attachment 3 Harris Action Team 5 Members

Name	Company
Damon Abernethy	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Matt Brooks	Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
Coty Brown	Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
Matt and Ann Campbell	Stakeholder
Curt Chaffin	Alabama Rivers Alliance
Kristie Coffman	Auburn University
Jeff Duncan	U.S. National Park service
Steve Forehand	Lake Martin Resource Association
Sylvia French	Stakeholder
Tom Garland	Stakeholder
Keith Gauldin	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Taconya Goar	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Chris Greene	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Keith Henderson	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Mike Holley	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Sonja Hollomon	Stakeholder
Elise Irwin	Auburn University
Butch Jackson	Property Owner
Gerrit Jobsis	American Rivers
Gerry Knight	Stakeholder
Evan Lawrence	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Cindy Lowry	Alabama Rivers Alliance
Donna Matthews	Stakeholder
Harry Merrill	Stakeholder
Brad Mitchell	Lake Wedowee Property Owners Association
Nick Nichols	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Chris Oberholster	Birmingham Audubon
Ginny Oxford	Stakeholder
Mellie Parrish	Stakeholder
Ira Parsons	Lake Wedowee Property Owners Association
Jerry and Mary Poss	Stakeholder
Mitch Reid	Nature Conservancy
Chris Smith	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Paul Smith	Stakeholder
Jim Sparrow	Alabama Bass Federation
Tricia Stearns	Stakeholder
Bryant Whaley	Randolph County Economic / Industrial Development