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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2628-065 – Alabama
R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project
Alabama Power Company

VIA FERC Service

Angie Anderegg, Relicensing Project Manager
Alabama Power Company
600 North 18th Street
Birmingham, AL 35203

Reference: Determination of Area of Potential Effects

Dear Ms. Anderegg:

On June 29, 2020, Alabama Power filed documentation that it had completed consultation on the R.L. Harris Project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) with the Alabama State Historic Preservation Officer along with a written description and maps of the APE. The Commission's April 2019 Study Plan Determination required that Alabama Power complete these steps prior to conducting fieldwork.

Commission staff find that Alabama Power's proposed APE is appropriate. For the purposes of section 106 consultation, the APE should be defined as "(a) lands enclosed by the Harris Project boundary, and (b) lands or properties which may be outside the Harris Project boundary, where authorized project uses may cause changes in the character or use of the historic properties, if historic properties exist."

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel McNamara at rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov, or (202) 502-8340.

Sincerely,



Stephen Bowler
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