



R. L. Harris Hydroelectric Project

FERC No. 2628

Meeting Summary
Harris Action Team (HAT) 6 Meeting
May 5, 2021
8:00 am – 9:15 am
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participants:

Angie Anderegg – Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power)
Bryant Celestine – Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Keith Chandler – Alabama Power
Colin Dinken – Kleinschmidt Associates (Kleinschmidt)
Amanda Fleming – Alabama Power
William Gardner – Alabama Power
Stacye Hathorn – Alabama Historical Commission (AHC)
Rachel McNamara – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
Ashley McVicar – Alabama Power
Tina Mills – Alabama Power
Eric Sipes – AHC
Robin Soweka, Jr. – Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Elizabeth Toombs – Cherokee Nation
Sandra Wash – Kleinschmidt
LeeAnne Wendt – Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Note: Due to the privileged nature of material, the HAT 6 presentation is not included as an attachment.

Meeting Summary:

Angie Anderegg (Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power)) opened the meeting and providing meeting etiquette information. Amanda Fleming (Alabama Power) presented a safety moment and stated the purpose of the meeting: to review what has been accomplished to date in Harris Action Team (HAT) 6 and discuss remaining items to be completed to develop the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP).

Amanda presented Harris Relicensing milestones and noted the cultural components within the Draft *Downstream Release Alternatives Phase 2 Study Report* and the Draft *Operating Curve Change Feasibility Analysis Phase 2 Study Report*. Amanda reiterated that stakeholder comments are due on May 26, 2021 on these two study reports. Rachel McNamara (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)) added that June 11, 2021 is the deadline regarding requests for study modifications or new studies and require certain criteria to be considered.

Amanda presented a summary of existing cultural resources at Lake Harris and Skyline. Amanda asked Elizabeth Toombs (Cherokee Nation) if she would be interested in viewing the Skyline Virtual Visit presentation that was presented to select HAT 6 participants on March 4, 2021. Elizabeth confirmed¹.

¹ Alabama Power provided the presentation to Elizabeth on May 12, 2021.

Amanda reviewed HAT 6 meetings and the Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) identification to date, noting that the TCP process is ongoing. Amanda presented the Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement and Historic Properties Management Plan study milestones. Bryant Celestine (Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas) noted his previous participation in developing the HPMP for the Toledo Bend Project (FERC No. 2305). Bryant added that the timeline was extended to allow for TCPs to be incorporated in the Final HPMP. Rachel asked if the HPMP would be developed to accommodate Alabama Power's license proposal and when the cultural resource assessment reports would be filed. Amanda noted that historically Alabama Power filed the HPMP after the Final License Application (FLA) to ensure the HPMP would protect historic properties based on the final proposal for operations and maintenance. Rachel requested that Alabama Power file the elevation of cultural resources on Lake Harris and downstream of Harris Dam so that she could analyze Alabama Power's proposal that will be presented in the Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP). Amanda confirmed that elevation information would be filed with FERC as privileged. William Gardner (Alabama Power) noted that the cultural resource assessments on Lake Harris and Skyline provided by the Office of Archaeological Research (OAR) is inclusive and provides information regarding elevation. Amanda noted that Alabama Power will hold a HAT 6 meeting on July 14, 2021 to discuss the Draft HPMP and stakeholders will have a 60-day comment period on the Draft HPMP. The meeting concluded.