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Project No. 2628-066

R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project

Transmittal of the Final Report- A Cultural Resources Assessment and Testing Tracts to be Removed from the Harris Project Boundary in Randolph County, Alabama

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose

Secretary

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose,

Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power) is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) licensee for the R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project (Harris Project) (FERC No. 2628-066). The existing Harris Project license will expire on November 30, 2023, and Alabama Power is utilizing the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to relicense the Harris Project. Alabama Power filed the Final License Application (FLA) for the Harris Project on November 23, 2021.

The Harris Project Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement and Historic Properties Management Plan Study Plan involved collecting and summarizing existing cultural resources baseline information and developing a plan to assess cultural resources identified in the Harris Project Area of Potential Effects (APE). Pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 306108 ("Section 106") of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)<sup>1</sup>, Alabama Power filed the final Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)<sup>2</sup> on November 23, 2021 and committed in the HPMP to completing a cultural resources assessment of the lands proposed to be removed from the Harris Project Boundary<sup>3</sup> in the FLA and the lands proposed to be developed for recreation use in the FLA and submitting the report to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and applicable tribes for review. Alabama Power distributed the draft *A Cultural Resources Assessment and Testing Tracts to be Removed from the Harris Project Boundary in Randolph County, Alabama* report (Cultural Resources Assessment) on March 21, 2022 and received comments from the Muscogee (Creek)

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<sup>1</sup> Section 106 is implemented through the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council)'s regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

<sup>2</sup> Accession No. 20211123-5034

<sup>3</sup> The errors discovered in the Project Lands Proposal as part of the Response to License Application Deficiencies do not impact the cultural resources assessments as the errors do not affect the tracts as a whole that are proposed to be added, removed, or reclassified. Rather, the errors are in the acreage totals and are the result of not properly accounting for existing project lands that will remain Project Lands.

Nation and the SHPO. These comments are provided in Attachment 1 and all of the comments were incorporated into the final Cultural Resources Assessment (Attachment 2), filed as privileged due to the sensitive nature of the material and in accordance with Section 304 of the NHPA.

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at [arsegars@southernco.com](mailto:arsegars@southernco.com) or 205-257-2251.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1 – Comments on Draft Cultural Resources Assessment

Attachment 2 – Final Cultural Resources Assessment

cc: Harris Action Team 6 Stakeholder List w/o attachment

Attachment 1

Comments on Draft Cultural Resources Assessment  
(Filed as Privileged)

Attachment 2

Final Cultural Resources Assessment  
(Filed as Privileged)