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Project No. 2628-065
R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project
Transmittal of the Final Historic Properties Management Plan

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
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. 2628-065). 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.

The Harris Project Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement and Historic Properties Management Plan Study Plan involves 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). Alabama Power filed the Inadvertent Discovery (IDP) Plan and Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Identification Plan on April 10, 2020¹. Alabama Power filed the Final Area of Potential Effects Report on June 29, 2020². On August 11, 2020, FERC issued its Determination of Area of Potential Effects for the Project³. Based on stakeholder requests, the timeline for TCP Identification was extended, and the discussions regarding completing the TCP Identification process are ongoing. Alabama Power filed a draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) on June 29, 2021 and received comments from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), the National Park Service (NPS), and the FERC. These comments are included in the updated consultation record (April 23, 2018 through November 21, 2021) for this study (Attachment 1) and responses to these comments are provided in Attachment 2.

¹ Accession No. 20200410-5068

² Accession No. 20200629-5328

³ Accession No. 20200811-3007

Pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 306108 ("Section 106") of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)⁴, Alabama Power is filing the Harris Project HPMP (Attachment 3). The attached HPMP describes the Harris Project, APE, anticipated effects from Harris Project operations, and Alabama Power's proposed measures to protect historic properties. In addition, as outlined in the FERC *Guidelines for the Development of Historic Properties Management Plans For FERC Hydroelectric Projects*, Alabama Power will update the HPMP after FERC issues a new License for the Harris Project. Due to the sensitive nature of the material and in accordance with Section 304 of the NHPA, Alabama Power is filing the HPMP, associated appendices, and consultation record as "privileged".

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

Sincerely,

Angie Anderegg
Harris Relicensing Project Manager

Attachment 1 – Consultation Record (April 2018 – November 21, 2021)

Attachment 2 – Comments and Responses on the Draft Historic Properties Management Plan

Attachment 3 – Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

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

⁴ Section 106 is implemented through the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council)'s regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

Description	Security	File Name
Cover Letter	Public	2021-11-23 HPMP Cover Letter.pdf
Attachment 1- Cultural Resources Consultation Record 2018	Privileged	Att1_CON2018.pdf
Attachment 1- Cultural Resources Consultation Record 2019	Privileged	Att1_CON2019.pdf
Attachment 1- Cultural Resources Consultation Record 2020	Privileged	Att1_CON2020.pdf
Attachment 1- Cultural Resources Consultation Record 2021	Privileged	Att1_CON2021.pdf
Attachment 2- Comment Table with Response to FERC	Privileged	Att2_Comment_Table.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Main Report Appendices A, B, F, and G	Privileged	Att3_HPMP.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Appendix C, Part 1	Privileged	Att3_HPMP_AppC_Pt1.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Appendix C, Part 2	Privileged	Att3_HPMP_AppC_Pt2.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Appendix D	Privileged	Att3_HPMP_AppD.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Appendix E	Privileged	Att3_HPMP_AppE.pdf
Attachment 3 - Historic Properties Management Plan Appendix H	Privileged	Att3_HPMP_AppH.pdf

Attachment 1

Consultation Record (April 2018 –November 2021)

Attachment 2

Comments and Responses on draft Historic Properties Management Plan

Attachment 3
Historic Properties Management Plan