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R.L. Harris Hydroelectric Project : Docket Number P-2628-066  
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Wedowee Marine  
9681 Highway 48  
Lineville, Alabama 36266  
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

A public scoping meeting was held, pursuant to notice.  
starting at 9:00 a.m.

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2 FERC: Recorder and they're going to record  
3 everything you say.

4 MR. FINCHER: Okay.

5 FERC: First thing you want to start with is  
6 speaking to the microphone, speak clearly, audibly, state  
7 your name and who you're with, and spell your names so that  
8 we can accurately record it, and then define any acronyms,  
9 if you use any acronyms, so --

10 MR. FINCHER: Okay. Okay. I got you. Acronyms  
11 can be tricky sometimes.

12 FERC: Yeah, exactly. Abbreviations, confusing.

13 MR. FINCHER: My name is Robert Fincher, and  
14 that's F-I-N-C-H-E-R. And I am the state representative for  
15 the 37th House District, which includes Randolph County and  
16 Lake Wedowee. My main concern today is, and I had a couple  
17 of them, but the main one is I would like to see boat ramps  
18 built here on Lake Wedowee, which would be adequate to  
19 encourage large fishing tournaments on the lake where boats  
20 can be launched in large numbers rather quickly and taken  
21 back out of the lake rather quickly as well.

22 Just to encourage the growth of the fishing  
23 industry and the fishing contest here on the lake. I also  
24 want to encourage that the levels be maintained pretty  
25 strictly and adhered to fairly strictly that will be agreed

1 upon in this document that they be adhered to as closely as  
2 possible. And the other thing is kind of contradictory in a  
3 way, but I do want the river downstream to have adequate  
4 water flow to maintain the wildlife as well as water is  
5 passed through Lake Wedowee. So those are my comments today  
6 and thank you very much for listening. Thank you.

7 FERC: You see, that was pretty easy, right?

8 MR. FINCHER: It was fairly easy.

9 FERC: You need to speak clearly and audibly.

10 MR. MORRIS: Okay.

11 FERC: State your name and who you're  
12 representing like your organization. Okay. Spell your name  
13 so that we can accurately record it and define any acronyms.

14 MR. MORRIS: Okay. All right. Okay.

15 FERC: Are you ready? Yes. Okay.

16 MR. MORRIS: Randy Morris, R-A-N-D-Y M-O-R-R-I-S.  
17 I represent Wedowee Marine, both marinas on the water. And  
18 basically what I would like to mention is the fact of us  
19 being stakeholders that we have a concern about constant  
20 flow. We want to make sure that if it is going to be put  
21 into place that is controlled where we don't lose usability  
22 at times of the marinas.

23 Only because of our stakeholder view. We have a  
24 lot of money invested in this. The one main concern that we  
25 do have is we'd like for Alabama Power and FERC and Corps of

1 Engineers, whoever else is involved, is to consider the lake  
2 level as we have in a lot of silting now. And there's not  
3 as near as much volume in the lake as we have had in the  
4 past because of the silting. We do have some wet slips that  
5 were three years ago.

6 We're at 12 pool, they now are three foot, and I  
7 have some wet slips that are actually on the ground that are  
8 unusable in the wintertime. We never had that before.  
9 Always had full-time accessibility. And we've got a lot of  
10 money invested in those, and we have customers that would  
11 like to use them during this period of time. So that's my  
12 main thing. If they would consider maybe doing some type of  
13 dredging at some point, or allowing even a private sector to  
14 dredge and maybe use the sand to provide revenue to cover  
15 their expenses. Thank you.

16 FERC: Thank you. That was perfect.

17 MR. MORRIS: Thank you.

18 (Whereupon the above proceedings concluded at  
19 11:14 a.m.)

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(No one from the public showed up to make any  
comments.)

(Whereupon, at 11:15 a.m., the meeting was  
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