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March 18, 2009

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

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Dear Ms. Bose:

RE: CLAYTOR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FERC NO. 739-018

This letter is written on behalf of Giles County Board of Supervisors and Giles County's Renew the New group and comments are directed to the re-licensing process for the Claytor Lake Dam.

With concern for the 37 miles of the New River that flows through Giles County, we have studied the application. With the advice and consultation of river guides, canoe rental companies, county government officials, game and fisheries professionals, and other concerned citizens, we respectfully submit the following requests for consideration:

1. That AEP establish and maintain improved flow information for river users. That this information cover projected – as well as daily – flow on a website, possibly including actual flow charts. Additionally, that there be a phone number with recorded announcements of daily flow projections.
2. That a higher minimum base river flow be established. It is recommended that 1,000 CFS to 1,250 CFS be used, as opposed to the 750 CFS present minimum.
3. Modified peak river flows: peaks with more gradual ups and downs. That the "peak power operations" occur only in December, January, and February, rather than the six (6) month peaking schedule now employed.
4. That AEP be amenable to occasional experimental summer pulse flows, as needed, to limit harmful algae blooms.

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We appreciate your consideration of these requests and look forward to hearing from you in the future. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris McKlarney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Chris McKlarney
County Administrator

Cc: Teresa P. Rogers, Appalachian Power