

Madam Secretary,

My family (four generations) has been on Claytor Lake for 60 years & will likely be here through the next regimenting period & beyond. The Lake has been our home & we know it is (as every youngster in our family is taught early) "the most beautiful place in the whole wide world". We are committed to the stewardship of this wonderful resource.

With this strong connection & interest in the future of the Lake, I would like to comment on the following issues:

- * The Public notification of the relicensing process
- * Annual draw down
- * Seawalls
- * Unsafe dock restrictions
- * Height restrictions
- * Steep slope dock down size

(1) Appalachian Power Company (APCO) is well into the regimenting process, yet many of the residents (& users) of the Lake are totally unaware of this process or how much of an impact these proposed regulations will have on them, both personally & financially.

There were apparently "public meetings", & then smaller "workshops". How were these announced ? I am VERY tuned-in to Lake issues & was only made aware by word-of-mouth . I attended three "workshops" (the ones I was made aware of) where I was asked to leave my contact information to be alerted to follow-up meetings. I have recently discovered that several of these meetings DID take place & I was never contacted.

If someone who is interested & looking for this information is "out of the loop" where does that leave the general public?

(2) APCO has proposed to discontinue the annual draw down. This is a MAJOR ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL HARDSHIP for many residents. Those who have invested years of hard work & untold expense to protect their shoreline will be greatly damaged by this decision. This draw down is CRITICAL for residents to build & maintain docks, seawalls, and to stabilize the shoreline to prevent erosion.

(3) APCO has proposed to keep the 1000 sf footprint on Low Density-Residential docks. These limitations are neither safe or practical. Example: On a 2-bay boat lift (which most are building) around 50% of the allowed deck space is "lost" to the open bays. The remaining deck space is not enough square footage to SAFELY house the walkway to the dock, the allowed 48 sf of storage area, the stairs to the upper deck, 60 sf per personal watercraft, & walkways to the boat slips. The only "swim" area with this 1000 sf arrangement is the 3" walkways (to the boat slips) with a row of columns in the middle.

(No one wants their children, families, & guests swimming from a 3" wide dock/deck with columns in the middle) APCO requires that these structures be constructed to meet accepted building standards. THIS IS DANGEROUS, AND APCO'S LIMITATIONS MAKE ACHIEVING EVEN MINIMUM BUILDING STANDARDS IMPOSSIBLE.

Many Lake users are choosing boats & personal watercraft that are quieter & more fuel efficient (& also VERY expensive) and they need to protect their investments. Those residents who wish to house their boats in a safe, protective, & convenient structure would be ham-strung by these (not well thought-out) restrictions. (*Note: This 1000 sf dock will NOT house the average (22-25 ft) boat or the average (22-32 ft) pontoon boat.)

(4) APCO proposes to keep the 16" height restriction on dock structures. For those with longer lake frontage as long as views are not affected this should not be an issue. For those with steep slope lots, this makes having any covered flat area near the Lake that is protected from the weather (sun & rain) impossible. When users are forced to the only remaining deck on the top of the boat lift, the result is that

this is used as the dock/recreation area. Coverage for protection from UV sunlight is necessary.

(5) APCO proposes, in areas with steep slope (2:1 or greater) to reduce the dock square footage to 500 sf. HOW IN TH WORLD DOES THIS MAKE ANY SENSE ? These residents have NO lake-side yard space & NO real usable shoreline. Their only access to the Lake is the dock. Since the slope is so great, little, if any view shed issues are in play.

These proposed regulations will be in effect for many, many years. LETTMS DO OUR BEST TO GET IT RIGHT !!! With further study, & REAL input from those most affected, reasonable, fair-minded people will be able to work out these issues.

Thank you for your consideration.
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