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

P-739-022

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing about concerns for the future of Claytor Lake, Pulaski County, VA as related to re-licensing proposals by Appalachian Power Company. My wife and I own property on Dublin Hollow, Pulaski, Co., Virginia. This was originally part of my wife's old home place and has been in her family for generations. "Dublin Hollow" unfortunately, has become an increasing major problem as related to "recreational activities" over the past number of years which include noise, shore erosion, unregulated boat/watercraft usage, and trespassing on private property, etc. I am not referring to ordinary fishermen and their activities. Also, the land submerged by the lake in Dublin Hollow was not purchased by APC, but was leased. My wife and I are both retired and are on limited income. Also the lake property taxes are steadily increasing and "rights" appear to be decreasing.

My concerns are related to the following proposals:

- A. Elimination of the Annual Draw-down of the lake for maintenance purposes: This is the only time that we can do any required clean-up and maintenance of the shore line. The water will be kept at full pond level (1850 ft), which will not reduce erosion, but will increase it. (See section C)
- B. Concern of APCo Regarding the Mussel population: Prior to the formation of Claytor Lake, the mussel population was limited to the original course of the New River. The current level that would be affected by the draw-down is not a natural habitat, but an artificial one created by the formation of Claytor Lake by construction of the Claytor Lake Dam.
- C. APCo. Concern about Erosion: This is a "concern" brought about by the rules and regulations, and unregulated "recreational" use of the lake. Increasing "recreational;" use and watercraft use is a major contributing factor, and full pond level is not helping. Rules and regulations on this use is a joke. We have contacted the State Game Commission on this on several occasions and they relate that speed, noise, and wake regulations are very ambiguous and generally unenforceable. As related to land

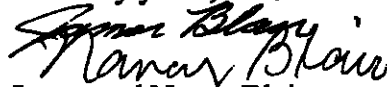
ownership, APCo. did not purchase the land to the 1850 foot level but leased it in Dublin Hollow. This information was given to us by APCo. representatives years ago.

D. Shore line Maintenance and Erosion control: APCo. has a shore line plan that would be of benefit, but , as property owners and on a limited income, we cannot afford to implement their ideas because of costs and labor.

E. Increased Recreation Access and Activity: There is already too much unregulated "recreational use." It used to be a pleasure to go down to the lake shore. Now we get no pleasure because of heavy traffic, noise, and wake in Dublin Hollow particularly in summer and on weekends.

Please take this letter into consideration and realize the concern we have regarding the propose licensure proposals.

Sincerely yours,



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