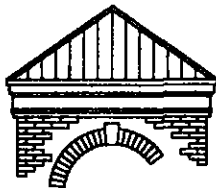


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November 25, 2009

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

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS: Appalachian Power/ Project No. 739-022
Claytor Lake Relicensing

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am a long-term property owner along the shores of Claytor Lake and have, until now, been impressed with the way Appalachian Power Company has managed the operation of the Dam and their lands around the lake. I feel I can support Appalachian's Licensing Proposal with one exception: I am very concerned about the possibility of discontinuing the drawdown of the lake level each year in the early winter.

Every year I, and many of my adjoining property owners, use this two week window of access as an important time to perform repairs and maintenance to seawalls and docks as well as to stabilize eroding shoreline. From page 4-54 of the AEP Preliminary Licensing Proposal and Management Plan, I quote: "Seventy-five percent of shoreline property owners interviewed in 2007 indicated that they take advantage of the late fall/winter drawdown to perform property maintenance such as trash debris removal, dock maintenance, and shoreline stabilization" (Berger, 2008). It goes on to say, "elimination of the seasonal drawdown would change the manner in which these annual maintenance activities occur and may pose an inconvenience to shoreline property owners." The above-mentioned "inconvenience" would likely mean that these annual waterfront improvements would be dramatically more difficult, if not impossible, and much more costly. I would contend that many of these maintenance activities would simply be delayed or eliminated due to the added expense. I am troubled by the prospect of how 30 years of deferred maintenance could affect the aesthetics as well as the quality of the recreational experience of so many families and sportsmen which utilize Claytor Lake.

In closing, I would ask for your support to allow the annual drawdown to continue as it has historically, which would enable shoreline property owners the ability to maintain their waterfront and help protect the long-term viability of our lake.

I am sincerely,

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