

MEETING NOTES

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY Lake and Land Management and Recreation RCG Meeting

February 19, 2013

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ATTENDEES:

Milton Quattlebaum (SCANA)	David Hancock (SCE&G)
Mike Summer (SCE&G)	Tommy Boozer (SCE&G)
Dick Christie (SCDNR)	Gerrit Jobsis (American Rivers)
Bill Stangler (Congaree Riverkeeper)	Bill Argentieri (SCE&G)
Robert Stroud (SCDNR)	Ray Ammarell (SCE&G)
Charlene Coleman (American Whitewater)	Alison Jakupca (Kleinschmidt)
Malcolm Leaphart (Congaree Riverkeeper)	Kelly Miller (Kleinschmidt)
Mark Davis (SCPRT)	Alan Stuart (Kleinschmidt)
Tom McCoy (USFWS)	Prescott Brownell (NOAA) via Conf. Call
Billy Hendrix	Joseph Wojcicki (By-PAS)

These notes serve to be a summary of the major points presented during the meeting and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

After introductions, Alan opens the meeting by giving a brief overview of the RCG meetings held on February 12th.

The group then focuses on developing a mission statement for the Lake and Land Management and Recreation RCG. Dick Christie has drafted his own version and the group uses this as a starting point. Gerrit says he would like the mission statement to include mention of the area downstream of the Parr Dam, in terms of possible recreational opportunities. Bill Stangler agrees that this should be included. This sparks a discussion on whether project effects on recreation downstream of the dam should be included in the mission statement. The question arises of whether downstream recreation potentials should be included in the mission statement at all, since FERC cannot approve anything outside of the Project Boundary Line. Eventually a consensus is reached and the final mission statement for the LLM/Rec RCG is as follows:

“The mission of the Lake and Land Management and Recreation Resource Conservation Group is twofold:

1. Evaluate the effects of the Project operation on recreation resources and explore the potential for enhanced recreational opportunities. Develop a consensus based Recreation Plan to address public recreation within the Parr Project boundary for the term of the new license.
2. Develop a consensus based Shoreline Management Plan to identify appropriate shoreline activities within the Parr Project boundary and

guidelines to ensure these activities are conducted in a manner to avoid or minimize environmental impacts.”

After the mission statement is developed, the group begins to identify potential information needs. This group was divided into two Technical Working Committees (TWCs), a Recreation TWC and a Lake & Land Management TWC. All members of the RCG will participate in both TWCs. An aquatic vegetation survey of Parr Reservoir and Lake Monticello was mentioned in the WQFW RCG meeting and determined to be better dealt with in the LLM/Rec RCG. Gerrit then asks SCE&G for an overview of what recreation opportunities are currently in existence. Tommy then gives the group a presentation detailing these facilities. All of the facilities listed below can be found in the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) with a map showing their location.

- Scenic overlook on Lake Monticello
- Hwy 215 public boat ramp on Lake Monticello
- Hwy 99 public boat ramp on Lake Monticello (includes primitive camping)
- 384 acre Recreation Lake with Park site and public boat ramp
- 8 islands on Lake Monticello
- Cannons Creek public boat ramp (includes primitive camping)
- Hellers Creek public boat ramp
- Terrible Creek Waterfowl Management Area
- Hwy 34 public boat ramp
- Enoree River Waterfowl Management Area
- One Future recreation site on Lake Monticello
- One future recreation site on Broad River

Bill Hendrix suggests opening a new access point on the Broad River that would allow for easier access to the Tyger and Enoree Rivers. After the presentation, the group lists Recreation study or information needs for the Project. These are listed below.

- Potential new recreation sites upstream of the Project Boundary Line and on Parr Shoals Reservoir
- A Recreation Use Needs Study (RUNS), which includes a comprehensive inventory of recreation facilities, including amenities, for the Project,
- A study examining the effects of reservoir fluctuations on recreation
- Potential for more portage facilities close to Parr Dam
- A study examining Project effects on downstream flow with respect to recreation
- Areas downstream of the project that could improve recreational opportunities on the Broad River – as noted previously, this is outside of the Parr PBL

Two studies will definitely be completed by the Recreation Technical Working Committee (TWC), including a RUNS and a study examining downstream flows.

Tommy then gives an overview of the SMP. David mentions that dock restrictions for Lake Monticello and Parr Reservoir are very strict. Gerrit asks about the land that is not developed, like the waterfowl management areas. He would like to know how they are managed, and what the restrictions are to the public. Gerrit asks if a designated area for camping can be set up on Parr Reservoir for recreators. Alan says this is something that will be considered and the need for

facilities will be evaluated in the Recreation Use Needs Study performed during relicensing. Dick adds that land that isn't designated for something else should be designated for public use. This will clarify to land owners and public recreators which land areas are available for public use. Another specific need for the Lake and Land Management TWC is updating the map included in the SMP. The group plans to go through the current SMP text and make sure everything is covered and all RCG members are satisfied with the document. The group listed the following information needs for the L&LM TWC.

- Waterfowl Management Area
- Aquatic vegetation survey of Parr and Monticello reservoirs
- SMP
- Shoreline classifications for both Parr and Monticello

Alan reminds everyone about the boat tours that are scheduled for March. The group decides that Lake Monticello will be toured on March 26th and the Parr Reservoir will be toured on March 27th. The next LLM/Rec RCG meeting will be scheduled for April, after the kayak trip and boat tours. With this the meeting is adjourned. Action items stemming from this meeting are listed below.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kelly will send the group a copy of the Recreation Plan and SMP from the current license for the Project.

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- Waterfowl Management Area – (L&LM)
- Aquatic vegetation survey of Parr and Monticello reservoirs – (L&LM)
- SMP - (L&LM)
- Shoreline classifications for both Parr and Monticello - (L&LM)
- Description and location of public access facilities and recreational uses on project waters and adjacent lands. (Recreational Use Needs Study) Recreation
- Are there areas downstream of the project that could improve recreational opportunities on the Broad River? This should include an inventory of SCE&G/SCANA properties and their potential as canoe/kayak access points and/or campsites. Recreation
- Inventory of Recreation Sites (ADA Compliant, etc.) - Recreation
- Potential new recreation sites - Recreation
- Portage facilities at Parr Dam - Recreation
- Effects of reservoir fluctuations on recreation on Parr Reservoir - Recreation
- Recreational downstream flow - Recreation