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To: LMRA Members and friends of Lake Martin
From: John Thompson, President, LMRA
Subject: FERC Meeting regarding Martin Dam License Approval

MATTER OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE—the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued a draft opinion on the relicensing of Martin Dam. This opinion was **not favorable** to the proposals made by Lake Martin Resource Association (LMRA) that the license contains new guidelines that Lake Martin's water level has an extension of full pool into the fall months and a drawdown to winter level of no more than 7 feet. (Elevation of 483 feet). FERC has proposed that no change be made to the present guidelines that call for the winter drawdown to begin on September 1 to a winter level of 480 feet. (10 foot drawdown)

LMRA has worked tirelessly with Alabama Power Company (APCo) in the relicensing process over the past 7 years to reach an agreement that would be beneficial to our members and the lake population. Obviously, we are disappointed with the initial draft issued by FERC.

FERC has scheduled a meeting to receive oral comments from stakeholders on July 17, 2013 (Wednesday) --- 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM:

Central Alabama Community College
Betty Carroll Graham Technology Center
1675 Cherokee Road
Alexander City, AL 35010

This will be our last opportunity to orally present facts and information to influence FERC to rule in our favor. When the final determination is made, that decision by FERC will be in effect for the next 35 years. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that you attend this meeting on July 17 to show support for an increased and more stable water level on our beautiful Lake Martin. We need a large turnout of our membership and persons interested in Lake Martin. LMRA is working closely with Alabama Power Company to present a unified position to FERC regarding the water level. It has been advised that FERC will be more readily influenced if all stakeholders support the same water level guidelines.

You will not be asked to make a presentation. But, we need you to be present at this meeting to support the presentations made by LMRA and APCo officials.

REMEMBER—we will be bound by FERC's decision for the next 35 years. Your presence can heavily influence FERC's decision in our favor. We hope to see you on July 17.

John