

**FINAL  
PROGRESS ENERGY  
YADKIN-PEE DEE RIVER PROJECT RELICENSING  
MEETING SUMMARY  
LAND USE AND RECREATION RESOURCES WORKING GROUP  
MEETING No. 1  
MAY 8, 2003**

The following is a summary of the items and issues that were discussed during the first meeting of the Land Use and Recreation Resources Working Group held on May 8, 2003 in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The meeting agenda and sign-up sheet is provided as Attachment A.

1) Michael Murphy of Framatome ANP introduced himself as a consultant for Progress Energy and as serving in the capacity of Meeting Leader. All attendees introduced themselves and with their affiliation. Mike reviewed the agenda for the meeting a copy of which had been provided to all attendees.

- Meeting Purpose: Progress Energy has submitted its Notice of Intent to seek to obtain a new license for the Project. Progress Energy has chosen to use the Traditional Licensing Process with an expanded consultation program through several Resource Working Groups (RWGs). This meeting was the initiation of the effort to expand consultation. Progress Energy desires to have a cooperative process, and the intent is to engage in active and constructive dialog with interested parties.

A brief history of the project was provided. Progress Energy submitted the Initial Consultation Document (ICD) on February 7, 2003 and held the Joint Meeting on March 25, 2003. The comment period for the ICD remains open for 60 days following the Joint Meeting. This is May 25, 2003, however, because May 25<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday and the next day is Memorial Day, people were informed that comments could be sent to Progress Energy until May 27, 2003. Attendees were told that commenting at the meeting did not replace written comments or diminish the importance of the written comments and all were encouraged to submit written comments.

- Role of Resource Working Groups (RWGs): The roles of the Resource Working Groups were reviewed. The initial goal of the RWGs is to 1) review existing data, 2) identify resource issues and needs, 3) identify needed studies and their goals and 4) review study plans. A hand out was provided to the attendees and was reviewed (Attachment B).

Gerit Jobsis suggested adoption of two items agreed to in the May 7<sup>th</sup> Water Resources RWG meeting. These are to 1) continue RWGs if working well to review study results, and 2) continue RWGs if working well to craft/develop agreements and

solutions. Progress Energy agreed to revise the handout to include these two items. The revised handout is included as part of Attachment B.

Progress Energy stated its' desire to conduct needed studies using study plans that have been cooperatively developed within the RWG. However, Progress Energy also noted that it is unwilling to conduct studies that Progress Energy believes is unnecessary or unwarranted.

- RWG Meeting Procedures and Practices: RWG meeting procedures and practices were reviewed. The objective is to have the RWGs 1) focus on substance and not process, 2) work together, develop trust, 3) respect each other's time; and, 4) get done what is agreed to. RWGs will meet monthly through the end of the year to develop a complete set of detailed study plans, and beyond that, if they are working for everyone, to review study results and possible solutions. Two handouts were provided to attendees and reviewed point by point (Attachment B). Progress Energy agreed to modify the Basic Meeting Procedures as was requested in the May 7<sup>th</sup> Water Resources Working Group Meeting to include discussion and approval of corrections and additions to the meeting minutes. This modification is reflected in the text in Attachment B.

Progress Energy was asked if they would honor FERC decisions that resulted from any dispute resolution process since the decision is non-binding. Progress Energy responded that they certainly would seriously consider and give great weight to any such FERC decision. Progress Energy would look at this on a case-by-case basis

- Overview of Areas Included with the Land and Recreation RWG: This RWG will include those issues associated with land use, shoreline management, aesthetics and recreation related to the project.

2) Larry Mann of Progress Energy then provided a PowerPoint presentation to include an overview of existing information associated with land use and recreation resources. This overview included information contained in the Initial Consultation Document (ICD); current shoreline management guidelines, Lake Tillery Shoreline Management Plan, and previously submitted FERC Form 80 reports.

Progress Energy explained that there is a moratorium on leases at Blewett Falls Lake. The moratorium has been in place for many years, since the 1950s. The primary reasons for the moratorium were initially a result of the need for maintaining flexibility with the potential for other power plants being sited at the project, and more recently, the need to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to manage the shoreline of the lake. No additional leases are planned to be granted until the shoreline management plan is developed and implemented.

Following a 10-minute break and prior to the start of the review of resource issues attendees were asked if they were in agreement with the Procedures and Practices and the Ground Rules proposed for the Resource Working Group. All attendees agreed with the

Procedures and Practices and Ground Rules with no additional comment. Attendees were also asked if they were aware of any additional information concerning land use and recreation resources. Brian Strong, North Carolina State Parks, agreed to forward to Progress Energy a copy of the most recent recreation plan for the area surrounding the Project. No additional input from the group regarding available information was provided.

3) Michael Murphy then moved on to the next item on the agenda – Initial List of Issues and Concerns. Attendees were asked to identify any issues or concerns they had related to land use and recreation. These were recorded on a board in front of the meeting. Commentors were asked to verify that the issue as recorded was reasonably accurate. The issues and concerns identified are presented in Attachment C.

4) Attendees briefly discussed the next Land Use and Recreation RWG meeting agenda. It was recognized by attendees that the period for written comments on the ICD was May 25<sup>th</sup> and that leaves little time to review comments by the next RWG meeting, scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Review and categorization of issues at the next RWG meeting would be based on comments received to date to the extent possible. The agenda below was developed:

1. Review RWG #1 Meeting Minutes
2. Purpose and Introductions
3. Review Categorization of Issues and Application of Existing Information (to extent possible by next meeting)
4. Opportunities for Near Term Activities/Studies
5. Review of Additional Information Provided by Group Members
6. Agenda for RWG Meeting #3

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**MEETING AGENDA  
MEETING PARTICIPANT SIGNUP SHEET**

**Agenda**  
**Land Use & Recreation Resources Working Group**  
**Meeting No. 1**  
**May 8, 2003**  
**8:30 – 12:00**

1. Introductions.....8:30 – 8:35
2. Purpose of Meeting..... 8:35 – 8:50
3. Role of Resource Working Groups (RWGs).....8:50 – 9:15
4. RWG Meetings: Procedures and Practices.....9:15 – 9:30
5. Overview of Areas of Interest Included within the Land Use and Recreational Resources Working Group.....9:30 –9:45
6. Overview of Existing Data, Prior Field Surveys, and Available Information.....9:45-10:45
7. Initial List of Issues/Concerns .....10:45 -11:50
8. Agenda for Next RWG Meeting..... 11:50-12:00

# Land Use & Recreation Resources

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May 8, 2003

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**MEETING HANDOUTS:**

**RWG Roles and Goals**  
**RWG Ground Rules**  
**RWG Basic Meeting Procedures**

## Resource Working Groups

### Roles and Goals

- Develop common understanding of the Tillery and Blewett facilities and the related environmental resources.
- Serve as the clearinghouse for available, relevant information.
- Identify issues, needs, and concerns related to the Project and its effects.
- Identify and participate in developing study plans to obtain additional information needed to support decision-making.
- **As relicensing proceeds, and if the RWG is working for everyone, the RWG may review study results and participate in developing cost-effective and creative solutions to address Project effects.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Text shown in bold highlights the revisions added to handouts in response to comments made by participants at the May 2003 RWG meetings.

## Resource Working Groups

### Ground Rules

- Attend Meetings
  
- Treat each other with respect:
  - Focus on the issues, not personalities
  - Bring issues to the table in a timely manner
  - One speaker at a time
  
- Participate openly in discussions:
  - Disagree openly, with reason
  - Test assumptions, ask questions
  - Share all relevant information
  - Ask for comments
  - Explain statements and questions
  - Meet your commitments
  
- Keep discussion focused:
  - Focus on interests and needs
  - Avoid distractions
  
- Work towards win-win decisions/solutions

## Basic Meeting Procedures

- Develop agenda for next meeting at end of prior meeting to extent possible; clearly identify decisions to be made, if any, at next meeting.
- Use meeting note summaries, not detailed “transcriptions” — highlight major content, action items, commitments, major agreements/disagreements (2 to 3 pages).
- It is Progress Energy’s goal to post draft meeting notes and next agenda to its website within about two weeks after the meeting; Progress Energy will provide draft meeting notes and next agenda via email to those on the email distribution list within two weeks.
- First item on each agenda will be **the discussion of minutes from the last meeting. Final meeting minutes, including any agreed upon corrections and additions, will be approved.**<sup>2</sup> Disagreements on minutes will **also** be documented and included on final meeting minutes.
- Progress Energy will have at each meeting a Meeting Leader, technical expert(s), corporate representative who can speak for and commit the company.

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- Meeting Leader's role is to keep meeting on track, achieve meeting goals, keep group on the agenda, and complete the meeting on schedule. If meeting is getting deadlocked, Meeting Leader will use "Round-the-table" technique for final comments. Areas of disagreement will be documented.
  
- Caucuses during meeting - generally: use the lunch break for caucuses; if absolutely needed: any group may call for a caucus.
  
- Dispute Resolution - Progress Energy desires to conduct studies based on cooperatively developed study plans. If any group after providing its input and reasoning is not satisfied that its needs are being addressed in the study plans, then it may choose to approach FERC seeking formal dispute resolution.

**ATTACHMENT C**

**ISSUES IDENTIFIED AT MAY 8, 2003  
LAND USE AND RECREATION  
RWG MEETING**

**DRAFT**  
**Progress Energy**  
**Yadkin-Pee Dee River Project**  
**Initial Identification of Issues**  
**Land Use and Recreation Resource Working Group Meeting No. 1**  
**May 8, 2003**

**Land Use and Recreation**

Use of NCWRC Game Lands

- Camping at Blewett Falls
- Loss of Public Access/Use
- Protecting Use
- Alternative Public Use
- Permit Camping

Existing FERC Boundary

- Is it sufficient for FPA requirements (i.e. Recreation/Access)

SMP Development for Blewett Falls

- Economic Development - Region

Public Access to Lakes

- Safe, Handicap, Full Facilities

Wildlife Corridors (Terrestrial RWG)

Development Potential for all adjacent counties

Management of Progress Energy lands on/or crossing Project Boundary  
(i.e. Transmission Lines)

Land Management Relationships to Morrow Mountain State Park

- Erosion, Debris

Recreational Use Study

- Tillery Boat Slips
- Impacts of Heavy Use on

1. Natural Resources
2. Terrestrial and Aquatics
3. Erosion

- Impacts on Recreation

1. Flashboard Loss

- Well designed survey of Recreational Use on reservoirs and river

1. More than Form 80

- Capacity Inventory
- Future Usage, Capacity Sufficient

#### Physical/Social Carrying Capacity

- Competing Uses
- Overcrowding ?

#### Effects of Project Operation on Recreation

- Fluctuation of Levels and Downstream Flow

1. Navigation

- Swimming

1. Safety
2. Access
3. Downstream River Flow Issues

- Access/Quality Recreation
- Fishing Opportunity
- Dissolved Oxygen, Downstream Fishing Success

Will there be substantial increase in water use by Progress Energy for Project Uses

#### Lake Water Levels

- Safety/Navigability
- Recreational Uses (Fishing)

#### Tributary Enhancements

- Dam Removal on Tributaries

Swimming Access/Beaches

Hiking Trails/On-shore/Day Use

Public Education Opportunities

- Natural Resources
- Existing and Future Opportunities

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project

- Study Information Relevant to Project

Blewett Sedimentation

- Effects on Recreation/Navigation

Canoe Portage Adequacy

Regional Tourism

- Scenic Vista Inventory/Opportunities in Project

Flow/Operation Effects on Downstream Recreational Use

- “Weekend Drought”

Public Outreach

- Fishing opportunities
- Hunting opportunities
- Safety
- Boating