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Ms. Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. MacFarlane,

My name is Tom Emge. I live in Metro Atlanta - Kennesaw, Georgia and own a second home on Lake Keowee in the Clearwater subdivision. I originally purchased the lot in 2002 but late 2003 decided to build our "retirement home" for the future while being able to enjoy lake living as a second home with a short drive from Kennesaw.

When I first discovered Lake Keowee, I'll never forget the overwhelming emotion I felt seeing the beauty of the lake and the back drop of the mountains...clear, pristine and breathtaking. Over the years as we've entertained many friends and family at our lake house, their reaction is the same.

I write this letter to voice my opposition regarding Duke Power's relicensing application empowering Duke Power to manage Lake Keowee at an additional decreased lake level of 5 feet to 790 feet in stage 4 drought conditions. I am strongly against this action and have signed a petition against it for all the reasons the petition states including property value concern. I believe this action by Duke in drought conditions is not the answer and does little if anything to help in times of drought conditions. I've witnessed the financial impact to friends who own lake property in surrounding areas such as Lake Lanier and Lake Hartwell. To suggest you will allow a resident with docks to "chase" the water is not a good solution, is irresponsible and not well thought out for Lake Keowee. Again this would be a huge financial burden to homeowners and also creates safety hazards especially in coves. This may cause more issues that haven't been thoroughly thought through. Lake Keowee is unique and applying similar logic used on other lakes is not an objective approach. I've read through some of Duke's literature on this subject and find many of the facts and figures to be misleading especially when covering historical data of the lake levels. The statement that the current study's conclusion is that there is no impact on property values is absurd and narrow minded. What is the real reason of trying to push this through? Is there an underlying reason to get this approved? Is this self serving related?

Even at existing managed levels, I've personally seen and experienced the negative impact in managing the lake at a lower level. This includes creating safety hazard for navigable boating and personal watercraft, dry dock issues for a significant amount of home owners with docks, further erosion issues and impact to fish and wild life habitat not to mention the impact of the shear beauty of the lake. I can share photos of the water area around my dock on a day the water level was low. The mud from boaters' wake was so heavy in the water it prevented us and our guests from swimming around our dock area. Not only was it unsightly but caused concern for safety, erosion, and concern for the impact to wild life as stated previously.

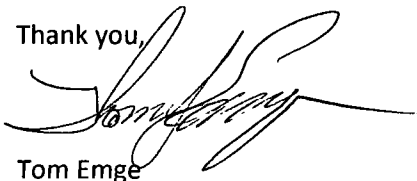
I made my decision to purchase on Lake Keowee based on the set components of lake level water management that was established at that time. It was an investment then and now for my future retirement. The empowerment of Duke Power to have the authority to lower the threshold in which the lake level can be managed puts all lake owners in jeopardy.

As a "stakeholder" of Lake Keowee and the community, I am strongly against Duke Power's Relicensing proposal.

I suggest other solutions toward addressing times of drought and severe drought conditions such as stricter water usage restrictions, water conservation, ongoing education and training on the subject, review options (with urgency) for future water resources, manage housing and building density based on existing and future supply and demand are a few suggestions.

I am available to discuss further and can be reached at the below contact information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Emge', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tom Emge

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