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Dear Ms. MacFarlane,

Duke Energy has requested approval to lower the level of the Upstate's Lake Keowee an additional five feet in the event of a stage four drought. Duke's proposal is imbedded in their Keowee-Toxaway Hydropower Relicensing permit application being submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

I understand you are aware of the resident's concerns who live in the immediate area of Lake Keowee regarding the adverse impact on their property values as a result of Duke's desire to lower the lake to the requested levels. To date, over 1350 resident signatures have signed a petition opposing Duke's application as currently written. The petition itself and supporting documents are available for your review and consideration at our blog <http://lakekeowewaterlevel.blogspot.com>.

Duke Energy continues to assert little, if any impact will occur on property values related to their request to lower water levels. Given the significant investment we as residents have made in our respective homes surrounding the lake, we understand on a first-hand basis the immense value of the lake with respect to our properties. We disagree with Duke's conclusion including the studies and methodologies they used as a basis of their position. Therefore, Dr. David Wyman of Clemson University was commissioned to provide an independent view. Dr. Wyman findings and conclusions are that a five foot drop in the lake could adversely impact the property owner's value from 14% to 32% depending on the severity of the lower levels coupled the location of the property to the lake and if their docks rest on dry beds as a result of lower levels of water. Obviously, the decreasing property values will also adversely impact the tax revenues and school funding in the respective counties.

Accordingly, we are asking Duke Energy as property owners and as a community to reconsider the minimum lake level proposed in their hydropower permit application. We would greatly appreciate if you will weight all the facts and given you agree with our concern, please contact Duke Energy on behalf of the Upstate South Carolina residents and voice your opposition to their requested proposal.

Sincerely,



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