

**YADKIN-PEE DEE RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
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SCENIC VISTA OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PROJECT**

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Issue No. 2: Scenic Vista Opportunities at Project

1. Description of Issue

Identify and establish scenic vista overlooks at the Project. There is an interest to create scenic overlooks of the Project waters where possible.

2. Project Effects

The Project does offer the ability for the general public to view the lakes from existing public access points. However, views from elevated points of ground exist mainly on properties such as Morrow Mt. State Park, and the 26-mile Grassy Island Crossing Scenic Byway, that are owned by other parties.

3. Applicable Existing Information

- Shoreline Management Plan for the Tillery Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2206). Submitted by CP&L - A Progress Energy Company, December 30, 2001.
- North Carolina Scenic Byway System, (www.byways.org/travel/byway.html)
- Appalachian State University. 1999. North Carolina's Central Park: Assessing tourism and outdoor recreation in the Uwharrie Lakes Region. Prepared by Appalachian State University, Boone N.C. Prepared for The Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project, Badin, N.C.

4. Study Needs

For the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license application, Progress Energy will discuss the existing scenic and aesthetic resources and the effects of the Project on these resources. Progress Energy will perform a scenic assessment in 2004 to document existing resources and assess effects of Project operations on these resources. The results will be summarized in the license application.

5. Study Plan

5.1 Purpose

This assessment is to identify scenic vista outlooks at the Project. While performing this assessment, Progress Energy will also assess effect of operations on these views.

5.2 Objectives

The objectives are to describe the scenic and aesthetic character surrounding the Project, and to describe the character of the Project facilities and reservoirs. The study will provide a photographic and narrative inventory of views of the Project from selected public vantage points within the viewshed of the Project reservoirs.

5.3 Methodology

Progress Energy will document the visual character of the area surrounding the Project. Views selected for the Project will be determined from a landscape analysis and observations from public access points surrounding the Project. Views of the Project, including the Project structures and reservoir, will be photographed from public vantage points along the Project shoreline. Each location will be documented under normal operating conditions. In addition, photographs will be taken during each season; spring, summer, fall and winter. A full panorama of each selected view will be photographed. The views at each location will be described in a brief narrative documenting visual features in the foreground, midground, and background.

5.4 Location and Duration

The study will be performed in the area surrounding Lake Tillery and Blewett Falls Lake during 2004.

5.5 Data Analysis and Reporting

A report will be prepared in the spring of 2005. The report will include photographs and a brief narrative documenting the visual features and identification of scenic vistas.

Resource Working Group Overlap (check if applicable)

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___ Land Use and Recreation Issue # ___

___ Terrestrial Resources Issue # ___

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