

**FINAL  
PROGRESS ENERGY  
YADKIN-PEE DEE RIVER PROJECT RELICENSING  
MEETING NOTES SUMMARY  
RECREATION AND LAND USE WORKING GROUP  
MEETING No. 4  
October 14, 2003**

The following is a summary of the items and issues that were discussed during the fourth meeting of the Recreation and Land Use Working Group held on October 14, 2003, in Pinehurst, NC. The meeting agenda and sign-up sheet are provided as Attachment A.

1) Michael Murphy of Devine Tarbell and Associates Inc. (DTA) and John Crutchfield, Progress Energy introduced themselves. Michael Murphy served as the meeting leader. All attendees introduced themselves and their affiliation. Mike reviewed the agenda for the meeting a copy of which had been provided to all attendees.

2) Review of RWG Meeting No. 3 Meeting Summary

Mike referred to the meeting summary that had been forwarded to the members of the RWG and asked if there were any comments. There were no comments on the meeting summary.

3) Draft Study Plan Review

There were three issues identified in the August RWG meeting as needing study plans. These are Issue No. 2, Scenic Vista Opportunities at the Project, Issue No. 4, Recreation Use Study, and Issue No. 5, Shoreline Management Plan at Blewett Falls. Progress Energy prepared the three draft study plans for these issues and distributed them to the RWG for review prior to the RWG meeting. Refer to Attachment B.

Issue No. 2, Scenic Vista Opportunities at the Project.

Michael Murphy reviewed the contents of the draft study plan. There were no comments by members of the RWG on this draft study plan.

Issue No. 4, Recreation Use Study Plan.

Michael Murphy led the discussion regarding this draft study plan. The RWG reviewed the Recreation Use Study Plan. Comments regarding this draft study plan were provided primarily by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC). A summary of comments are provided below;

- Add April and October as shoulder months with the same sampling frequency as the summer months.

- Increase the winter months to have 2 days of sampling, same as the APGI recreation study.
- For the visitor survey form; include a question on overnight or nighttime use, and also include a question on economics.
- The survey needs to keep track of refusals.
- Include the confidence level that Progress Energy is looking to achieve for the sampling effort.
- If needed, consider a weighted survey of sample locations.
- The survey should be from sun up to sun down.
- Include the start and stop times for each survey.
- Consider including a question for boat users that may use tailwaters for fishing, and also consider collecting information on the number of boats present in the tailwater areas.
- Include N.C. Highway 109 river crossing between Tillery and Blewett Falls as a location to be included on the spot count and visitor surveys.
- To enhance the spot count data, consider using aerial photographs during the peak holiday period to capture total use.
- Include a description of how data will be used to calculate results (data analysis).
- Progress Energy confirmed that the sample size for the resident survey would be from a subset of the total waterfront resident population.

There was a discussion about future recreation use. The information collected by the Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project and the State of North Carolina Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the U.S. Forest Service plans were referred to as possible sources of information to be used in making this assessment. Also, NCWRC requested Progress Energy identify how far in the future they will be looking into the future in their discussion of future use.

There was also discussion about public knowledge of the recreation survey. Progress Energy commented that they planned to prepare a news release to let people become aware of the recreation survey.

#### Issue No. 5, Shoreline Management Plan

John Crutchfield reviewed the contents of the draft study plan for the Blewett Falls Lake Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). John confirmed that cultural resources will be included as a part of the SMP. There was discussion about litter and if Progress Energy would include litter control within the SMP. It was suggested that Progress Energy educate public about litter and possibly do some clean-ups. Progress Energy has already conducted periodic cleanups at recently designated campsites along the lake shoreline. Some members of the RWG recognized Progress Energy as doing their part in addressing this issue. The question is how people dispose of litter. It was noted that public observations and opinion on this subject are a part of the recreation survey. It was also noted that a large percentage of litter debris comes from outside of the project boundary via river flow from upstream littering sources, particularly large-scale flow events. This type of littering is beyond the control of Progress Energy.

A brief discussion about the schedule for preparation and submittal of the SMP followed. A schedule of the SMP development was included in the draft SMP study plan, and John Crutchfield reviewed this schedule. Key milestone dates include submittal of a draft SMP for

review and comment to key stakeholders in the fall of 2005. A final draft SMP would be completed in the winter of 2006. There was some discussion on the process of SMP review and submittal, most notably, the degree of involvement of RWG stakeholders in the process. Progress Energy indicated that it is examining the review process, but it will involve key RWG stakeholders in the SMP review process. Because data are needed from several supporting studies (e.g., recreation use, terrestrial wildlife and wetland studies, etc), the draft SMP will not be available until the fall of 2005, after data from these studies are incorporated into the draft SMP.

Following the review of the draft study plans, it was agreed by all that if anyone had any additional comments that they forward them to Progress Energy by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

4). Action Items– It was recognized that the next meeting scheduled was Veterans Day, a state and federal holiday. Progress Energy will be get back to the RWG about clarifying the November meeting date.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**MEETING PARTICIPANT SIGNUP SHEET**

**AGENDA**  
**PROGRESS ENERGY**  
**YADKIN-PEE DEE RIVER PROJECT**  
**LAND USE AND RECREATION RESOURCES WORKING GROUP**  
**MEETING NO. 4**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2003**  
**9:30 – 12:30**

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| 1. Meeting Purpose and Introductions | 9:30 – 9:45   |
| 2. RWG #3 Meeting Minutes            | 9:45 – 10:00  |
| 3. Review of Draft Study Plans       | 10:00 – 12:15 |
| 4. Agenda for RWG Meeting #5         | 12:15 – 12:30 |

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**ATTACHMENT B**  
**MEETING HANDOUTS:**  
**Draft Study Plans**