

161 FERC ¶ 62,166
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Alabama Power Company

Project No. 2146-165

ORDER APPROVING AS-BUILT SITE PLAN DRAWINGS

(Issued December 1, 2017)

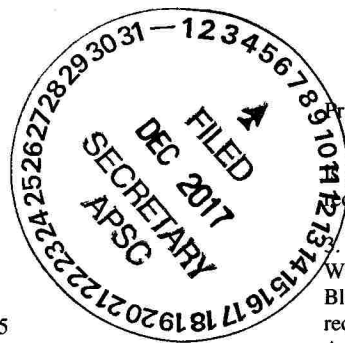
1. On March 31, 2016, Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power), licensee for the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project No. 2146, filed its revised Recreation Plan pursuant to Article 413 of the project's license.¹ Incorporated into the filing are overall site plan drawings for each development and as-built site plan drawings (as-built drawings) for 23 recreation sites. In addition, Alabama Power filed a revised recreation amenity table on March 20, 2017, pursuant to ordering paragraph (M) of the Recreation Plan approval order.² The project is located on the Coosa River in Cherokee, Etowah, Calhoun, St. Clair, Talladega, Shelby, Coosa, Chilton, and Elmore Counties, Alabama, and Floyd County, Georgia. The Logan Martin, Lay, Mitchell, and Jordan developments occupy, in part, federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

2. The February 2017 Order identifies 42 required recreation sites at the project (Weiss Development – 8 sites; Neely Henry Development – 6 sites; Logan Martin Development – 4; Lay Development – 8; Mitchell Development – 6; and Jordan/Bouldin Development – 12).³ Overall site plan drawings were filed which identify the location of recreation sites within each development at the project. As-built drawings were filed for those recreation sites where facility development was substantially complete or where no construction is contemplated before the next recreation plan update

¹ Order Issuing New License (143 FERC ¶ 61,249), issued June 20, 2013.

² Order Amending License, Modifying and Approving Recreation Plan Pursuant to Article 413 and Modifying Shoreline Management Plan (158 FERC ¶ 62,071), issued February 2, 2017.

³ The Bouldin development does not include a separate reservoir and uses flows diverted from Jordan Lake, thus Alabama Power administers the Jordan and Bouldin developments as a single administrative unit for the purposes of recreation management.



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due in 2021. Alabama Power is required to file as-built drawings annually to document recreation facilities which are constructed each year.

Alabama Power filed as-built drawings for five required recreation sites at the Weiss Development (State Launch at Highway 9, State Launch at Cobia Bridge, Cedar Bluff Fishing Pier, Mud Creek Boat Launch, & Weiss Tailrace Facilities). Additional recreation facility development is planned at the remaining sites (Bypass Bank Fishing Area, Slackland Beach, & Bay Springs Boat Launch) thus Alabama Power will file as-built drawings for those sites once construction is completed.

4. Alabama Power filed as-built drawings for Ten Islands Historic Park, Tillison's Bend Boat Launch, Neely Henry Tailrace Facilities - West Side, and Neely Henry Tailrace Facilities - East Side at the Neely Henry Development. As-built drawings for Croft's Ferry will be filed when the planned development for the site is completed, and for Neely Henry Possible Future Recreation Lands should site development occur.

5. An as-built drawing was filed for the Logan Martin Tailrace Facilities at the Logan Martin Development. Additional recreation facility development is planned at the Lock 3 Bank Fishing site and Logan Martin Dam Picnic Area thus as-built drawings will be filed upon completion of development at these sites. Alabama Power will study the feasibility of installing a boat ramp at the Logan Martin Dam Ramp site and file as-built drawings should a boat ramp be installed.

6. Alabama Power filed as-built drawings for five required recreation sites at the Lay Development (Beeswax Creek Boat Launch and Park B, Kelly Creek Boat Launch, Glover's Point Landing, Lay Tailrace Facilities, and Paint Creek Boat Launch). As-built drawings will be filed once planned recreation facility development is completed at Beeswax Creek Boat Launch and Park A, Lay Dam Boat Launch, and Shelby County 400 Boat Launch.

7. As-built drawings were filed for Higgins Ferry Park and Boat Launch and Mitchell Tailrace Facilities at the Mitchell Development. As-built drawings will be filed for Big Foot Boat Launch, Double Bridges Access Area, and Boy Scout Camp post-development of planned recreation facilities at the sites. While Barrett's Fish Camp is also a required recreation site at the Mitchell Development, a site specific development plan is being created that will inform recreation facility development at the site. The Barrett's Fish Camp compliance plan is due to be filed with the Commission in January 2018 per the recreation plan approval order.

8. Alabama Power filed as-built drawings for the East Side Tailrace Recreation Site, Rotary Point Boat Launch, Rotary Point Bank Fishing Access, Jordan East Side Tailrace Fishing Access, Jordan Dam Picnic Area, and Bouldin Tailrace Facility at the Jordan/Bouldin Development. Additional recreation facility development is planned for

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Bonner's Landing, Sheila's Wharf, Swayback Bridge Bank Fishing, and Bouldin Canal Bank Fishing Site and as-built drawings will be filed upon completion of development at these sites. As-built drawings will be filed for two sites identified for possible recreation facility development (Future Land Use Site and the Potential Swimming Access), should development occur.

9. The revised recreation amenity table filed on March 20, 2017, adequately describes the recreation amenities required at each recreation site and includes point location data.

10. The filed drawings provide an adequate representation of the required recreation sites at the project and should be approved. Future overall site plan drawings should conform to the requirements specified in ordering paragraph (G) of the Recreation Plan approval order.

The Director orders:

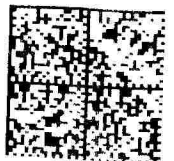
(A) The overall site plan drawings and as-built site plan drawings, filed on March 31, 2016 by Alabama Power Company for the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project No. 2146, are approved and made a part of the license.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 825f (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2017). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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