

Parr Fairfield Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 1894

Public Outreach Meeting January 2013

Sponsored by SCE&G and hosted by Kleinschmidt



Meeting Program

- **Introductions**
- **Goal and Objectives of Public Outreach Meetings**
- **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Relicensing Process**
- **Parr and Fairfield Hydroelectric Project Overview**
- **Opportunity to discuss Project related issues**

Meeting Objective and Goals

Meet with interested stakeholders to identify potential project related issues in an open and relaxed atmosphere.

The purpose of this forum is to:

- Understand the relicensing process**
- Understand the Parr Fairfield Developments**
- Define and record project related concerns and issues**
- Begin to understand the issues of others**
- Establish a level of public interest in Resource Group participation**

Relicensing of Parr Fairfield Hydro Project

- Non-federal hydropower projects are typically required to operate under a license from FERC
- Relicensing process requires review under National Environmental Policy Act
- Current License expires 2020
- Application filed by June 30, 2018
- Notice of Intent, Pre-Application Document and request to use an alternative relicensing process filed in the January – June 2015 timeframe

Goals for Relicensing

- Complete an Enhanced Traditional Licensing Process (ETLP) that encourages cooperative resolution of the issues.
- Develop a license application that will satisfy FERC requirements and withstand administrative and judicial challenges and agency/public review.
- Achieve an operating regime that does not limit the overall flexibility of the Parr Fairfield Project or decrease overall value.
- Develop a Comprehensive Settlement Agreement

Why the Enhanced Traditional Licensing Process?

- Increase public involvement
- Improve communication between SCE&G and the stakeholders.
- Encourage issue resolution (overall settlement of issues prior to filing the license application with FERC).
- Promote decision making and issue resolution at local level.
- Proven success in bringing parties to agreeable resolution

What can you expect from this Process?

- Resource and issue specific Working Groups and monthly technical meetings
- Public update meetings
- Non-traditional solutions (settlement agreements, for example)
- Stakeholder education on hydropower and hydro relicensing
- Developing and enhancing relationships between stakeholder groups
- E-filings and use of information management technology (website, internet, E-document transfer, etc)
- Potential early and meaningful FERC involvement

What can be expected from you as a participant?

- Timely submittal of comments
- Understand the regulatory milestones
- Courteous and timely attendance at meetings
- Understand and focus to resolve the issue(s)
- Active participation on Resource Conservation Groups (RCG's)
- Develop study scopes and information that are pertinent to Project operation.
- Use as much existing data as possible
- Be mindful of Relicensing Costs

Resource Conservation Groups

- Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality
- Lake/Land Management and Recreation
- Operations

Cultural Resources will be evaluated under consultation guidelines as defined by Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act

Parr Fairfield Relicensing Website

Repository for all documentation including:

- FERC Relicensing Library**
- RCG participant information**
- Operational/Communication Procedures**
- Meeting dates and summaries**
- Presentations**
- Study Plans and Reports**
- Milestone documents (i.e. PAD)**
- Schedules and milestone dates**

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Events to Date

- **September 19, 2012** **Agency/NGO Kick-off Meeting**
- **December 4, 2012** **Preliminary Issues Scoping and Relicensing Information Meeting**
- **January 15, 2013** **Winnsboro Outreach Meeting**
- **January 17, 2013** **Newberry Outreach Meeting**
- **January 29, 2013** **Columbia Outreach Meeting**

Stakeholders expressing interest in the Relicensing Process

Federal, State and Governmental Agencies

Federal

- National Park Service (NPS)
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- United States Forest Service (USFS)

County or City Governments

- City of Columbia

State

- South Carolina State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)
- South Carolina Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT)
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)

Stakeholders expressing interest in the Relicensing Process

Non-Governmental Organizations

National

- American Whitewater (AW)
- American Rivers (AR)

State

- South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (SCCCL)

Local

- Congaree Riverkeeper
- Friends of the Congaree River
- Private Citizens

Upcoming Events

- **Joint RCG Meeting (AM)**
Fish & WQ Meeting (PM) **February 12, 2013**
- **LLM & Recreation Meeting (AM)**
Operations Meeting (PM) **February 19, 2013**
- **Project On-water Tour** **March/April**
(dates TBD)

If you are interested in participating in the On-water Project Tour

Sign up sheets are available at the
back of the room.

You may contact Kelly Miller no later
than February 22, 2013 at:

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QUESTIONS?