

**General Information****Assigned Office:** NRR**OEDO Due Date:** 05/09/2013**Other Assignees:****SECY Due Date:** 05/09/2013**Date Response****Requested by Originator:****Other Parties:****Subject:** Duke Energy's Request to Lower Lake Keowee**Description:****CC Routing:****ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:****Response / Package:****Other Information****Cross Reference No:** LTR-13-0316**SRM\Other:** No**Process Information****Action Type:** Letter**OEDO Concurrence:** No**Signature Level:** NRR**OCM Concurrence:** No**Special Instructions:****OCA Concurrence:** No**Document Information****Originator Name:** Warren Barhorst and Lisa Barhorst**Date of Incoming:** 03/28/2013**Originator Org:** Citizens**Document Received by OEDO Date:** 04/11/2013**Addressee:** Chairman Macfarlane**Incoming Task:** Letter**OEDO POC:** Dan Merzke

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**ACTION OFFICE:** EDO

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**ADDRESSEE:** CHRM Allison Macfarlane

**SUBJECT:** Concerns Duke Energy's request to lower Lake Keowee

**ACTION:** Direct Reply

**DISTRIBUTION:** RF, SECY to Ack.

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Ms. Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman  
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Re:  
Duke Energy request to lower Lake Keowee

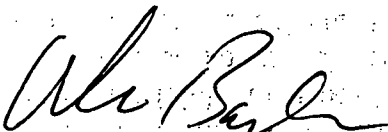
My wife and I are Texas residents, and were introduced to Lake Keowee about 10 years ago. She and I visited as tourist for about 8 years before we made the decision to retire on the lake. We purchased a property, and finished the building of our home in 2011.

We love South Carolina and Lake Keowee. We traveled the United States looking for a community like the Reserve at Lake Keowee and the surrounding area for years. Our decision to purchase was based on many factors. The main ones being the constant level of the lake coupled with relatively stable values during the recession and vibrant small communities to shop and dine in.

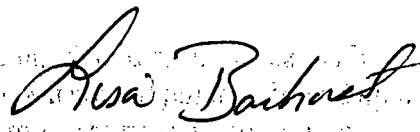
We made this decision based on the past decisions of leaders such as you that have made the upstate the great place it is today. Duke Energy's request to lower Lake Keowee five feet will have a negligible if any positive impact on the residents downstream, but a huge negative impact on the residents on the lake and every person in the surrounding communities as the property values plummet and the tax base erodes.

We are urging you to be a strong leader and stand up to Duke's request, and stop the permit request to lower the lake to 790 feet.

Sincerely,



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