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SUBJECT: Comment on relicensing of Keowee NPP in Oconee county. If proposed relicensing involves properties beyond mile boundary, addl notification & input will be required.

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I would like it to go on the record that the SCDNR Clemson office personnel were / are under the impression that comments and input on the relicensing of the Keowee Nuclear Site in Oconee County involve only the Keowee site with a one mile radius. I spoke with Ed Duncan in our environmental section on October 21, and he too was / is under that impression. If the proposed relicensing involves properties beyond those boundaries we will require additional notification and input.

The Keowee Nuclear Site has developed trails, wildlife related demonstration areas, and nest box programs which have benefited certain wildlife species and Duke Energy employees and other visitors. I have read the botanical survey report done by L.L. Gaddy for the site and see no immediate threat to rare species on that site.

However, if other portions of Duke Energy (or its subsidiaries) properties fall under any new contracts or agreements, it would be desirable to request further comment from my section (Wildlife Diversity) and other sections of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

There are sites within Duke Energy properties which are of great interest to our department. One site harbors a federally endangered plant, and a turtle which is listed at Federally threatened due to similarity of appearance to its northern counterparts. Many other sites, and elements are of interest to our various sections and we do not wish to miss an opportunity for comments if those issues factor into any contracts or agreements.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm sending this to be certain we are well represented in case there had been a miscommunication about the breadth of the October 20 meeting which I could not attend.

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