

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

RE: Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes, June 26 - 27, Charlotte, North Carolina

To the Parties Addressed :

Thank you for your interest in attending our Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes on June 26 and 27, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The goals of the workshop are to: 1) familiarize Commission Staff with the various states' Water Quality Certification (WQC) processes and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs; 2) familiarize state WQC and CZM agencies with the hydroelectric licensing process; 3) identify common attributes among the various processes; and 4) develop potential ways to integrate the state processes with the licensing process. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Your participation in this workshop will assist us in our efforts to streamline the hydroelectric licensing process. A more detailed agenda is attached.

The outcome of the workshop will be a report issued jointly by FERC staff and your individual state resource agencies. If our efforts are fruitful, the report will include recommended solutions for more efficient integration of the licensing process with the water quality certifying processes and the CZM programs.

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn, at the address below:

Holiday Inn, Airport
2070 Little Rock Road
Charlotte, NC 28214

We have reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$71.00 per night. Please mention that you will be attending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission workshop when making reservations.

We request that each invited agency prepare a presentation, for approximately 30 people, describing their process as it relates to the issuance of a WQC or CZM

consistency certification and the hydroelectric licensing process. If your agency needs any special accommodations, such as audio or visual equipment, for your presentation, please contact Ms. Theresa Gibson at (202) 219-2793. Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Ron McKittrick at (770) 452-3778 or Steve Kartalia at (202) 219-2942.

Sincerely,

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Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes
Southeast Region Agenda
June 26-27, 2002
Charlotte, North Carolina

Day One

9:00 Introductions

9:30 FERC Licensing Process (ALP & Traditional) - FERC Staff

10:30 Break

10:45 WQC/CZM Process Presentation (est. 30 minutes per state) - State Staff

12:00 Lunch

1:00 States' Presentations Continue

2:30 Break

2:45 States' Presentations Continue

3:30 Discussion

4:00 End of Day 1

Day Two

9:00 Recap Day 1

9:30 Ways to integrate states' WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Continue discussion

3:00 Break

3:15 Conclusion/Wrap up

4:00 End of Workshop

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