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August 13, 2003

Mr. Frank M. Simms  
American Electric Power  
1 Riverside Plaza  
Columbus, OH 43215-2373

Re: Proposed Communications Protocol  
Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC Project No. 2210)  
DHR File # 2002-0969

Dear Mr. Simms:

We have received your request for our review and comment regarding the above referenced project. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

We understand that the Department of Historic Resources remains a listed participant in the re-licensing process, and that Appalachian Power Company seeks to utilize the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) as a framework for discussion and communication. We plan to participate in this process through public and other meetings and direct correspondence, and concur with the communication protocol as provided to us.

If you have any questions about the Section 106 review process or our comments, please call me at (804) 367-2323, Ext. 140.

Sincerely,

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY  
SMITH MOUNTAIN PROJECT NO. 2210  
COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL  
FOR THE PARTICIPANTS  
IN THE  
ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS

SUPPORT AND APPROVAL

I, the undersigned, as representative for the: (1) State or Federal Agency; (2) local government; or (3) non-governmental organization listed below support Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian) in consolidating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) pre-filing consultation process and proceeding to prepare and file an application for new license under the Commission's rules and regulations related to the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP).

I have read and agree to follow the Communications Protocol proposed by Appalachian to guide communications and information exchanges related to the ALP for the Smith Mountain Project (FERC No.2210).

Signed by:

  
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Date: 14 Aug 03

Printed Name

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