



Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

July 10, 2003

**RE: Appalachian Power Company  
Smith Mountain Project No. 2210  
Application for New License  
Section 106 Consultation Authorization**

Dear Secretary Salas:

On behalf of Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian), we are requesting a letter from the Commission granting Appalachian authorization to initiate Section 106 consultation with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in regards to Appalachian applying for new license for the Smith Mountain Project No. 2210. The current license for the Smith Mountain Project expires March 31, 2010. The letter of authorization from the Commission would be applicable throughout the licensing process.

This request is being made in accordance with the provisions of 36 C.F.R. Part 800. Eight copies of this filing are enclosed with this original. Any questions should be directed to the undersigned at the phone number shown.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank M. Simms", is written over a light-colored background.

Frank M. Simms  
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cc:

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick – Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
Chief Leon Jones – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Alan Creamer – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission