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**February 17, 2005**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Attn. Magalle Roman Salas Secretary  
888 First Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426**

**Ref: Smith Mountain Project P-2210**

**Ms. Salas,**

**I would like to write to voice my opinion in favor of Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties request to for a Technical Conference to reopen American Electric Power's Shoreline Management Plan.**

**The history of shoreline management on this project was left to the counties surrounding the lake. The counties have performed a remarkable job of balancing the environment , building infrastructure necessary for development and maintaining a high quality of life amongst the lake citizens. We now are faced with re-licensing and the "Plan" must be revised.**

**While I realize your permit lies with AEP I cannot imagine the counties surrounding the lake are meant to live with jurisdictional powers of a privately held company without a mutually agreed upon focus or plan. If the counties unanimously do not feel this Plan is in our best interest, I must concur. I feel long term turf wars will occur if these parties do not reach a mutually agreed Shoreline Management Plan.**

**I believe as a residential land holder as well as a business operator on the lake that the current Shoreline Management Plan is void of many facts, predominantly what the licensee brings to the table for the future. I think quite a bit of detrimental information is being tabled in order to achieve the goal of rolling the plan through. While this may be good for AEP pieces not addressed in the plan will be finalized in the courts and this is not the way F.E.R.C. wants it to be handled.**

**AEP has shown itself as a responsible corporate citizen in our community with a good reputation in this area. The thing I don't know is a good power company going to be equally as good at controlling the destiny of this lake. I say this is not proven yet. The Shoreline Management Plan must cover all**

**grey areas to lessen the burden of confusion amongst all parties involved. I believe the counties as past executors of responsible control are proven therefore there opinions should be heard.**

**I hope you can conclude that agreeing to open a Technical Conference could be time well spent in order to make the next forty years as enjoyable as our past forty on Smith Mountain Lake.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Arnold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "A".

**Lee Arnold  
General Manager**

**CC: Senator George Allen  
Senator John Warner  
Congressman Virgil Goode**