

**ROANOKE RAPIDS AND GASTON RECREATION PLAN  
FERC PROJECT NUMBER 2005  
APPENDIX 1  
CONSULTATION**

**ROANOKE RAPIDS AND GASTON  
FERC LICENSE IMPLEMENTATION  
RECREATION PLAN CONSULTATION MEETING AGENDA  
October 26, 2004**

**Welcome and introductions**

Attendance:

Daniel Cabe	NCWRC	Jean McCarter	LGA
John Davy	VDCR	Chris Rountree	Halifax Co.
Joe Peterson	Dominion	Wayne Jones	NCWRC
Carolyn Allen	Dominion	Lori Medlin	Halifax Co. TDA
Jim Thornton	Dominion	Gordon Myers	NCWRC

**Update of FERC license status**

Jim updated the group on current status. He anticipates Dominion “accepting” the license on January 1, 2005. Currently all the language issues have been worked out to have the license agree with the settlement agreement and counsel to the various stakeholders are working out the signatory requirements to submit an offer of settlement to FERC.

**Review of recreation requirements (plan) in license**

The license differs from the settlement agreement is one key area which is the requirement for a recreation plan. It was explained that all the elements of the settlement agreement *Article RC1 Recreation Enhancements* will be included in the plan to FERC, but there will be more detail required. Examples of additional requirements are details on operation and maintenance and development of a “check list” type process where FERC can inspect and ensure compliance with the license.

**Review of recreation requirements in Settlement Agreement**

The group reviewed some of the details of the settlement agreement. Jim stated that there had been recent concern raised by area residents close to Goat Island. Wayne Jones asked if alternative sites needed to be specific in the plan. Jim said as long as the plan states that Goat Island or a suitable alternative site with the same recreational opportunities, he thought FERC would be satisfied with that. Also, when we get to develop future sites, Dominion’s plan will state that site-specific plans will be submitted prior to development. John Davy asked if the funding for Virginia’s site would be available prior to year 10 if a site is found prior to that time. Dominion will make the

money available, but in order to do so will need to be notified before June 1 for funding requirements the next year. Both Virginia and Dominion think it would be suitable to make about ½ of the funding available for land purchase and the remainder for site development. Joe Peterson stated Dominion has to get all leases / easements within the project boundary approved by FERC prior to execution (FERC License Article 426).

### **Review of draft consultant scope of work**

The draft scope of work will be sent out for bid around November 15, 2004. **ACTION ITEM** - Jim asked all to compare the details of the settlement agreement to the details of the scope of work to ensure all agreed to items are included in the scope. Also, quite a few details that will be in the FERC Plan are not included in the draft scope. Examples not included are fencing (Dominion has a standing contract with fencing supplier) and how each site will be operated and maintained. It was suggested that since there will not be lifeguarding at the sites that there be a rules and regulations sign posted. Jim expressed a concern about the state matching funds requirement to have a lease for the Gaston Day use area since part of the site is actually located on the front side of the earthen dam. **ACTION ITEM** - Jim will consult with legal advisors to determine the how this might be done. Chris Wicker stated this might be resolved if the state accepts some proposed grant funding rules changes. **ACTION ITEM** - Lori Medlin and Chris Rountree to determine timing for getting county commissioners approval to apply for the grant.

### **Milestone schedule**

The milestone schedule was reviewed. The requirement to have the plan approved prior to groundbreaking will cause the letter of the Settlement Agreement to not be met in that it makes it impossible to meet FERC's requirement for plan approval, integrate with the Cultural Resources Management Plan and complete construction within a year of license acceptance. Jim stated Dominion would expedite the process once FERC approves the plan.

### **Other issues**

Jim stated that Dominion would work with each stakeholder to ensure that the plan submitted to FERC was as collaborative as possible. Dominion does not want to submit an explanation to FERC why comments to its plan from resource agencies and stakeholders were not included. To that end, Dominion staff will be available to work out details of the plan with individuals representatives in an effort to get a plan developed that is satisfactory to all parties.

### **City of Roanoke Rapids**

**Comments Regarding August 2, 2005 Recreation Plan Draft 8/31/2005**  
**E-mail August 31, 2005 (Chris Wicker to Jim Thornton)**

Overall the recreation plan seems to reflect what was agreed to in the Settlement Plan process. We have reviewed this in house and with the NC Parks and Recreation Fund Grant administrators from NC DENR. Based on this we have the following comments. These comments are primarily in reference to the Roanoke Rapids Lake Day Use Area.

- It will be necessary for the project to coordinate approval of site plan, permit, and requirements from the building and zoning codes regarding the day use area. The project must comply with all regulations and standards required by the City of Roanoke Rapids Planning and Code Enforcement Department. This is alluded to on pages 14-15, but may need to be more specific.
- Construction of the project must meet grant deadlines.
- The operation plan for the park indicates the park will be closed from mid November - March 1. The City of Roanoke Rapids and the NCDENR representatives request consideration be given to having the park open during this time on a limited basis.
- It is noted that construction cost are in 2002 dollars and adjusted for changes in the CPI. The same type statement needs to be added to the maintenance and operations maintenance cap of \$70,000 for the RR Lake and Gaston Lake areas. It was our understanding this would be adjusted for changes in the CPI also.

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources**  
**Comments to the Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Recreation Plan**  
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Hello, Jim.

NCWRC has reviewed the subject Recreation Plan and we have no major difficulties with it. However, some edits are sprinkled in red throughout the attached copy of the Plan that should improve the document's readability. Finalized figures and maps that we assume to be forthcoming should also help in this regard.

Thanks,

-Bennett Wynne

**Comments from Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries**  
**Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Recreation Plan**  
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Jim,

Sorry I am so late on comments on the Rcreation Plans, I just haven't been in the office long enough in the last few weeks to read it or comment for that matter. I did however get a chance to read it over the weekend and everything seems to be in order from VDGIF's standpoint. Please keep me informed on any Miles Creek Access development changes and VDGIF would like to be involved in the planning stages for the Lake Gaston Virginia Day Use Area development when a site is identified.

Thanks

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