

Appendix A

Summary of Public Coordination Prior to Preparation of Environmental Assessment

(A) Public Comments and Summary (From Open House Meeting September 4, 2014)

Draft Summary of Public Comments Report

Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Non-Recreation Outgrant Across Carters Lake

For 230kV Transmission Line Easement

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Introduction

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, the public was informed of the intent of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, to prepare and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the issuance of a Non-Recreational Outgrant to Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) in order to construct a 1.25 mile 230kV transmission line across Carters Lake to serve the citizens of Gilmer County Georgia. GTC had previously submitted documents to USACE to prove the critical public need for the project and that there was no viable alternative to crossing public lands at Carters Lake. Two potential route alignments (western and eastern) had been identified and the USACE instructed GTC to hold a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the two alignments from local citizens. The meeting was held on September 4, 2014 at 6PM to 8PM in the Gilmer County Civic Center. The USACE issued a news release (Attachment 1) notifying the public of the open house meeting. The news release was also posted on the USACE Mobile website (see below) and verbally communicated to Gilmer County officials by GTC. In addition a copy of the news release was mailed to affected and adjacent property owners, and to Native American Tribes with an ancestral interest in Georgia, by GTC (Attachments 6 and 9). The deadline for initial public comments was September 18, 2014.

Website

The USACE developed a news release and posted in on its district website (<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Media/NewsReleases/tabid/6473/Article/494416/usace-to-host-public-workshop-for-proposed-easement-crossing-public-lands-at-ca.aspx>) to inform the public of the opportunity to comment on the two potential alignments. A similar website will be used in the future to announce the availability of the draft EA and its findings.

Public Meeting

The meeting was held Thursday September 4, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time at the Gilmer County Civic Center in Ellijay Georgia. A sign-in table with an attendee roster (Attachment 3) along with a greeter was available at the meeting. Informational posters located at the sign-in table provided instructions explaining how the public could view and comment on the displays, handouts, and other information provided at the meeting. USACE selected topics were presented at the various open house stations at the meeting as follows (see Attachment 4 for descriptions of the display posters);

- Registration table
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Carters Lake map (two alternatives and overview map)
- Electrical Grid System map in northwest Georgia
- Environmental Issues
- Electrical Purpose and Need
- Engineering Issues
- Maintenance and Constructions Issues
- Before and After Visualizations of the Site

- Court Reporter and Comment Card Station

In addition to the displays comment cards were provided so all attendees could express their specific concerns, which were addressed or recorded for research and for follow up later in the process (Attachments 5 and 7).

A representative of USACE and/or GTC was present at each station to answer any questions posed by the attendees. To encourage comments, USACE provided a seating area with tables, pens, and comment forms. Participants had the option of hand-writing their comments, dictating comments to the court reporter, or emailing them to either USACE or GTC.

A total of 22 people signed the attendee rosters (Attachment 3). In some cases only one representative of each family signed in. Eight (8) completed comment forms were submitted at the meeting. One set of comments was verbally delivered at the meeting. Several people expressed their intent to mail or email their comments after the meeting. Twenty-one (21) follow up emails/letters were received before the closing deadline for comments on September 18, 2014.

Summary of Comments Received

A total of thirty (33) comments were received from multiple individuals and households (Attachment 8). Several people provided comments on several different issues in the same e-mail, letter or comment form. Some people sent duplicate letters and/or e-mails. Those duplicates were not counted in the summaries that follow.

Major Comment Categories

Effect on Neighboring Parcels	20 (61% of total)
Effect on Public Lands	9 (27% of total)
General Comments (not specific)	7 (21% of total)
Request for more Information	7 (21% of total)
Effect on bike trails	6 (18% of total)

Effect on Neighboring Parcels

The category of effects of the transmission line on neighboring parcels received the most comments. Sixty-one percent of all comments (20) received mentioned this category and all but one advocated for the western route as the preferred alternative in order to minimize effects to neighboring property owners. All the people writing comments in this category owned property adjacent to or very near to the eastern edge of Carters Lake. Their main concern was the effect on property values if the eastern

route was built. Most commenters did not like the proposed eastern route and felt the visibility of the poles on the opposing ridge 1,250 feet across the river gorge would diminish the value of their homes. They felt the change in viewshed, especially at night if the poles were required to be lit, was a major alteration in the current natural landscape that would degrade their property. They almost unanimously agreed that the western route, being an additional 2,300 feet away, with a major ridge screening in between, would effectively eliminate this problem.

Effect on Public Lands

Both property owners near the lake and recreational visitors to the lake expressed concern about the effect of the proposed project on the public lands which make up Carters Lake Ridgeway Recreational Area. This subject made up the second most mentioned category of comments received with twenty-seven percent of all comments. Most of the comments dealt with the effect of the proposed project on the scenic nature of the area, the quality of the wildlife habitat, and the recreational experience. Those persons who attended the meeting were given the results of ecological, cultural and archeological surveys of both alternatives. The alternatives were designed to minimize change on USACE property with a view toward mitigating the suggested impacts to the point of insignificance. GTC explained at the meeting that they would include mitigation proposals written into the USACE Non-Recreational Outgrant that would stipulate the repair and remediation of all effects to a level that made the Corps property whole at the end of the project. Many neighboring property owners also expressed concern in their comments about the effect of the project proposal on various forms of recreation such as hiking, boating, and bird watching on USACE lands. However, most commenters felt they would be exposed to burdens in greater degree and magnitude than those experienced by the boaters, hikers, and bikers because they live mostly full-time by the lake whereas recreational users are only occasionally on-site.

General Comments

Twenty-one percent of all comments received were categorized as general comments. Many people noted that existing infrastructures such as roads are more present on the western alternative and therefore it would provide a less intrusive venue for the transmission line. The eastern alternative is less developed and would require more clearing and more road construction, and thus more rebuilding and mitigation. Most commenters requested that all changes, regardless of which route is selected, should be mitigated. The one boating comment stated that either proposal would equally affect boaters.

Request for More Information

Several commenters asked for more information. They expressed concern over the sudden announcement of the process (see below) and desired to know more of the background of the project as to why it needs to cross the lake and anticipated impacts based off of survey results. They also asked for more time to review the data and give input, especially when the draft EA is ready for final public comments. So far, one Tribal Nation (Muscoogie Creek) has asked to view the draft EA results.

Effect on Bike Trails

The bike trails at the Ridgeway Recreation Area are widely considered to be among the best in the State of Georgia in terms of level of difficulty and challenge. The State Mountain Biking Association was specifically invited to the public meeting to give opinions on the effect of either proposal on this resource. All six mountain bikers that showed up to the meeting asked that the eastern alternative be selected as it only crosses one trail whereas the western alternative crosses three trails. Clearing over the trails, they argued, adds to the risk of erosion, degrades the aesthetic experience of biking in deep woods, and diminishes user enjoyment. They asked that USACE considers minimizing impacts to the trails as they are locally designed, built and maintained by an all-volunteer force and limited funds are available. They asked that any trail impacts be mitigated in consultation with their design team.

Public Involvement

The USACE received at least three comments (10% of total) regarding the involvement of the public in the development of the EA. Most commenters expressed disappointment that they did not know about the meeting earlier and felt some of their neighbors would have liked to attend. Many felt there was inadequate notice given in the local paper and more time was needed to obtain comments from all interested parties.

Appendices

Attachment 1: News Release Announcing Public Meeting



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USACE to host public workshop for proposed easement crossing public lands at Carters Lake Project

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MOBILE, Ala.-- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District is hosting a public workshop on Sept. 4, 2014 at the Gilmer County Civic Center in Ellijay, Ga. from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The purpose of the workshop is to receive public input regarding a proposed easement to the Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) for a Planned Ellijay-Roundtop 230 kV Transmission Line that would cross a portion of the Carters Lake Project in Gilmer County, Ga.

Information will be presented on the proposed easement and USACE will solicit comments for inclusion into a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) to address potential impacts associated with the proposed easement. The Draft EA will serve as a basis for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The easement would require removal of trees and other woody stemmed vegetation to allow initial construction and maintenance. The total proposed easement consists of approximately 19 acres of which about 14 acres would require clearing of woody vegetation. There will be no clearing along a buffer zone for a minimum of 150 feet on either shore of the Carters Lake crossing. Single pole steel or concrete structures would be used to support the transmission line; however, three-pole structures would be used to cross Carters Lake in one 1,800 foot span at an approximate height of 200 feet above the lake surface.

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Attachment 2: Letter to Mailing List Soliciting Comments



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAM-PD-EI
Public Notice No. FP14-OP-CA-01

August 14, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
MOBILE DISTRICT

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR A

**PROPOSED EASEMENT GRANTING RIGHT OF WAY FOR AN ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION LINE CROSSING A PORTION OF PUBLIC LANDS AT THE
CARTERS LAKE PROJECT, GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

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CESAM-PD-EI
Public Notice No. FP14-OP-CA-01

August 14, 2014

CORRESPONDENCE: You may submit written comments to the USACE via mail or email by September 18, 2014. In addition, you may submit written comments at the public workshop. Correspondence concerning this public notice should refer to Public Notice No. FP14-OP-CA-01 and should be directed to the Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI. You should direct email to CESAM-PD-H@USACE.ARMY.MIL marked attention PD-EI/Brian Zettle. For additional information, please contact the Carters Lake Project at (706) 334-2640 or Mr. Brian Zettle at (251) 690-2115.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District

Attachment 3: Attendee Roster from Ellijay, GA Meeting

Public Workshop Attendee Sign-In

6:00-8:00 pm September 4, 2014 - Gilmer County Civic Center, Ellijay, Georgia

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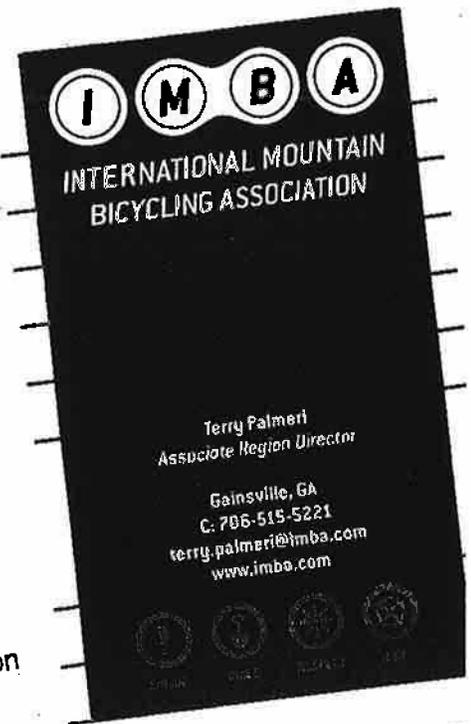
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Attachment 4: Public meeting Displays

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To: Day, Kenneth SAM
Cc: McCall, Bubba; Hicks, Edward (Ted)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Planned Displays for the 4 Sep Public Meeting

Importance: High

Ken,

Below is a list of planned displays we will have at the 4 Sep public meeting. It's my understanding from a conversation Ted had with you that you would prefer we **not** have someone available to take verbal comments (i.e. a stenographer) at the public meeting as is our standard practice. Please confirm that along with what you'd like us to have available for the public to express input (i.e. forms).

To Be Mounted on Foam Board

- Map Cube (Approx. 7' tall) – 4 panels
 - One index panel
 - Three identical study area maps (aerial) of the two alternatives
- Two Project Study Area Maps (to include stats comparing both routes – Ted will finalize stats with you prior to meeting)
- Two Study Area Maps (similar to map cube panels)
- Regional Integrated Transmission System Map
- Conceptual Photos of Western Route

Additional Material for the meeting

- Preliminary Maps of Entire Project
- Infographic display of project timeline
- Graphics of Corps alternative routes studied by GTC (not on display, but available on request)
- 37" Monitor with looping conceptual video of western route alternative
- Pictures of Picnic Area of Corps. Property
- Pictures of weathering steel poles used on our North Burton project
- Manned computer with GIS data detailing entire project study area

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincere Regards,

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Attachment 5: NEPA Process Display



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What's covered under the NEPA umbrella?

The National Environmental Policy Act, Public Law 91-190 (NEPA)

Requires Federal agencies to consider impacts on the human environment from proposed actions and document environmental impacts during project planning. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2 govern how NEPA is implemented by the Corps.

The NEPA process provides a framework for compliance with other environmental elements that include specific statutory compliance requirements. A list describing the most commonly applicable laws and policies for water resource projects is provided below.

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 757 *et seq.*) (AFC)

Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of the anadromous fishery (those that migrate from salt to fresh water for spawning) resources of the U.S.

Antiquities Act of 1906, as amended (16 U.S.C. 431) Regulates salvage of any object of antiquity in marine protected areas in which the U.S. has the authority to protect submerged cultural resources.

Archeological and Historical Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 469)

Requires federal agencies to identify and recover data from archeological sites threatened by their actions.

Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa-470ll)

Requires permits and provides for civil and criminal penalties for persons disturbing archeological resources on Federal and Tribal land without a permit.

Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401) (CAA)

Requires agencies to comply with state air quality standards set in State Implementation Plans.

Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*); also known as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (CWA)

Protects, restores, and enhances the quality of the nation's waters.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982 (16 U.S.C. 3501-3510)

Protects undeveloped coastal barriers and related areas by prohibiting direct or indirect Federal funding of various projects in these areas that might support development.

Coastal Zone Management Act (Public Law 92-583, 16 U.S.C. 1451-1456) (CZMA)

Federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that affects any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone shall be carried out in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved State management programs.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675) (CERCLA)

Requires reporting of releases and cleanup of releases of hazardous substances; also assigns liability for cleanup.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 3901-3932)

Promotes the conservation of wetlands to maintain the public benefits they provide, and to fulfill international obligations contained in various migratory bird treaties and conventions.

Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531) (ESA)

Requires consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure that actions do not jeopardize threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-72, July 9, 1965, 79 Stat. 213; 16 U.S.C. 4601-12 *et seq.*), as amended

Requires Federal agencies to consider potential outdoor recreational opportunities and fish and wildlife enhancement when planning navigation, flood control, reclamation, hydroelectric, or multipurpose water resource projects.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 661 01/03/95) (FWCA)

Requires consultation with the USFWS on actions affecting stream modifications.

Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460)

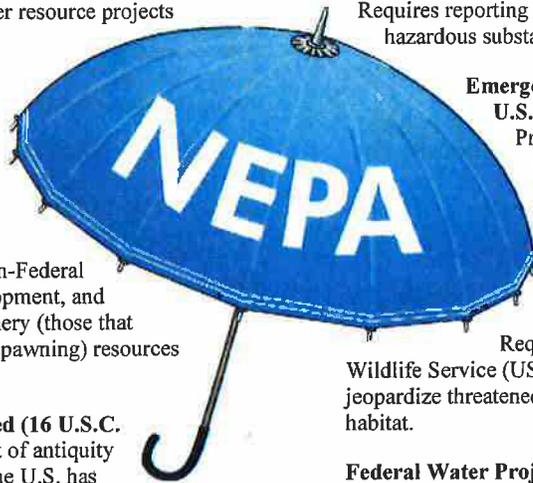
Authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to construct, maintain, and operate public park and recreational facilities at water resource development projects.

Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811 *et seq.*)

Denies Federal farm program benefits to producers who converted wetlands after December 23, 1985 and creates a system for inadvertent violations allowing farmers to regain lost Federal benefits if they restore converted wetlands.

Historic Sites Act of 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461)

Provides for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes.



Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267; 16 U.S.C. 1801)

Federal agencies to notify NOAA Fisheries regarding a proposed action that may adversely affect EFH.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 701-719c)

Decreed that all migratory birds and their parts (including eggs, nests, and feathers) are fully protected.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*) and amendments of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 469a) (NHPA)

Requires agencies to identify historic properties subject to effect by their actions, and to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and others about alternatives and mitigation.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001)

Provides protection of Native American graves and for other purposes including to clarify the right of ownership of artifacts.

Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960, as amended (16 U.S.C. 469)

Gives the National Park Service (NPS) major responsibility for preservation of archaeological data that might be lost specifically through dam construction.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6901-6992k) (RCRA)

Regulates the collection, storage, transport, and disposal of hazardous and solid waste and regulates underground storage tanks.

Rivers and Harbors Act of 1888 (33 U.S.C. 608); of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401-413); as amended and supplemented (33 U.S.C. 426 *et seq.*)

Corps is authorized to regulate the construction of any structure or work within navigable waters. Further amendments and supplements prohibits the construction of any bridge, dam, dike or causeway over or in navigable waterways of the U.S. without Congressional approval and provide that storage may be included for present and future municipal or industrial water supply in Corps or U.S. Bureau of Reclamation projects.

Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 93-523; 42 U.S.C. 300f – j-10) (SDWA)

Protects the quality of drinking water the public receives from public water systems.

Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended 1988, 1990, 1992, 1995, and 1996 (Public Law 99-662; 33 U.S.C. 2201-2330,)

Provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources and the improvement and rehabilitation of the nation's water resources infrastructure.

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, 16 U.S.C. 1001

Provides for cooperation with State and local constituents for the purpose of preventing erosion, floodwater, and sediment damages in the watersheds of the rivers and streams of the U.S. and furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water and the conservation and utilization of land thereby preserving, protecting, and improving the nation's land and water resources and the quality of the environment.

Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1961 (Public Law 87-88)

Requires Federal agencies to consider, during the planning for any reservoir, storage to regulate streamflow for the purpose of water quality control.

EO 11514: Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality

Federal agencies shall initiate measures needed to direct their policies, plans and programs so as to meet national environmental goals. The Council on Environmental Quality, through the Chairman, shall advise and assist the President in leading this national effort.

EO 11988: Floodplain Management

Directs all Federal agencies to avoid, if possible, development and other activities in the 100-year base floodplain.

EO 11990: Protection of Wetlands

Directs all Federal agencies to avoid, if possible, adverse effects on wetlands and to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of wetlands.

EO 12088: Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards

Delegates responsibility to the head of each executive agency for ensuring that all necessary actions are taken for the prevention, control, and abatement of environmental pollution.

EO 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (Environmental Justice)

Requires each Federal agency to make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations.

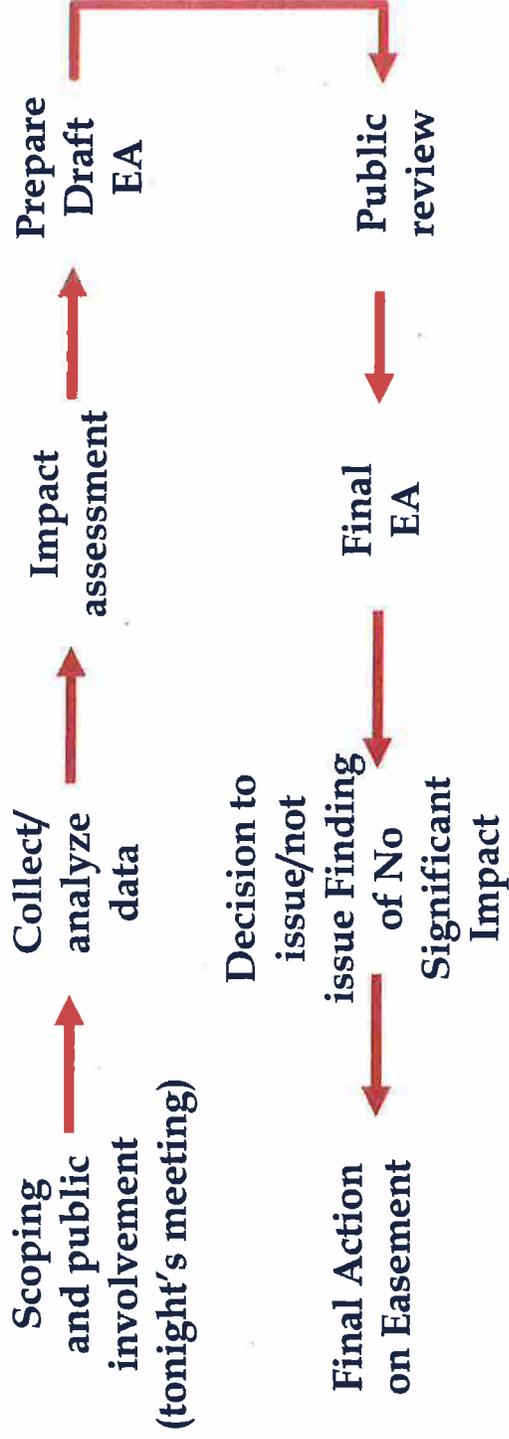
EO 13045: Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks

Requires each Federal agency to make it a high priority to identify and assess environmental health risks and safety risks that may disproportionately affect children and ensure that its policies, programs, activities, and standards address disproportionate risks to children that result from environmental health risks or safety risks.

EO 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

In formulating or implementing policies that have Tribal implications, requires agencies to consult with Tribal officials regarding the need for Federal standards and any alternatives that would limit the scope of federal standards or otherwise preserve the prerogatives and authority of Indian Tribes.

Mobile District will complete the following series of steps in preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA)



Attachment 6: GTC Cover Letter

_____, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL

Address

Dear

Subject: USACE Public Workshop for a Proposed Transmission Line Easement Crossing

Evaluations of the sub-transmission system serving Gilmer County revealed that the loss of the radial Tioga – Ellijay 230 kV Transmission Line results in thermal overloads on both the Tioga – Boardtown and the Tioga – Quill 46 kV Transmission Lines. Georgia Transmission Corporation, the transmission service provider for Georgia's Electric Membership Corporations, plans to construct the new Ellijay - Roundtop 230 kV Transmission Line to ensure that homes and businesses in this area will continue to have reliable electric service. In doing so, GTC must cross a portion of public lands at Carter's Lake.

Please find enclosed the Public Notice released by the Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District announcing an open house public meeting where two alternative routes crossing federal public property will be presented. Attendees will be given the opportunity to learn about the transmission line project and give input for inclusion into a Draft Environmental Assessment that will address potential impacts associated with the proposed easement.

The open house meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at the Ellijay Civic Center, 1561 South Main Street, Ellijay, Georgia 30540. We invite you to drop in whenever it is convenient between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Also enclosed is a map depicting the general proposed transmission line segments being considered. Please give me a call at 770-270-7552 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

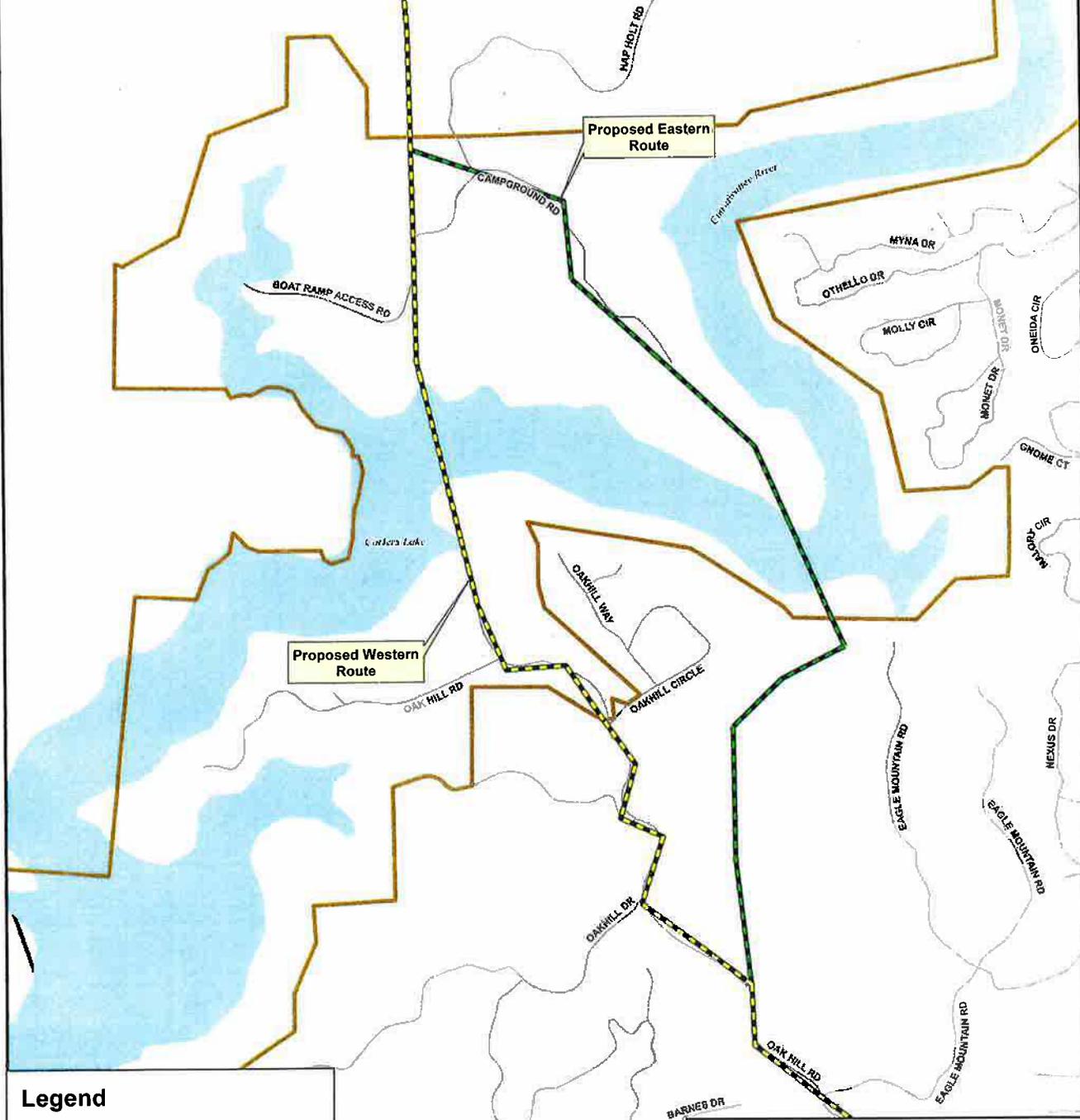
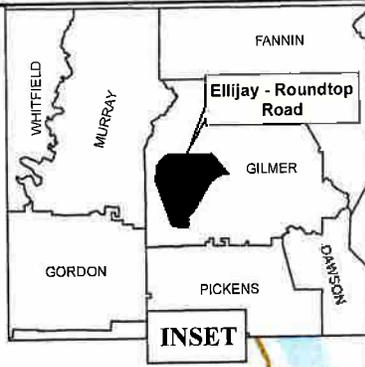
Craig Heighton
Public Affairs Director

CH:hd

Enclosures: USACE Public Notice, location map

The planned 230 kV transmission line will tap the existing Ellijay Primary Substation and connect it to the proposed Roundtop Road Substation. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the Summer of 2016.

NOTES



Legend

- Proposed Centerline
- Proposed Eastern Centerline
- Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Lines
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Property Boundary
- Water Bodies

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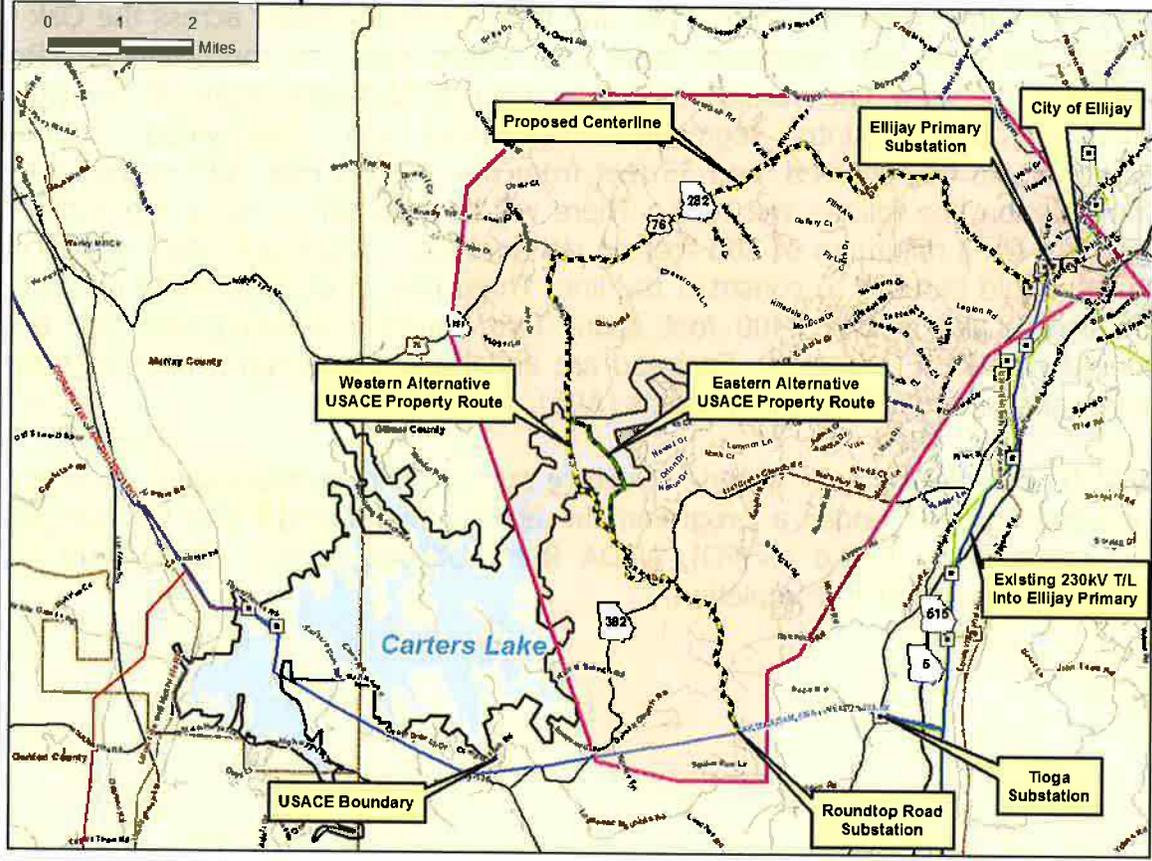
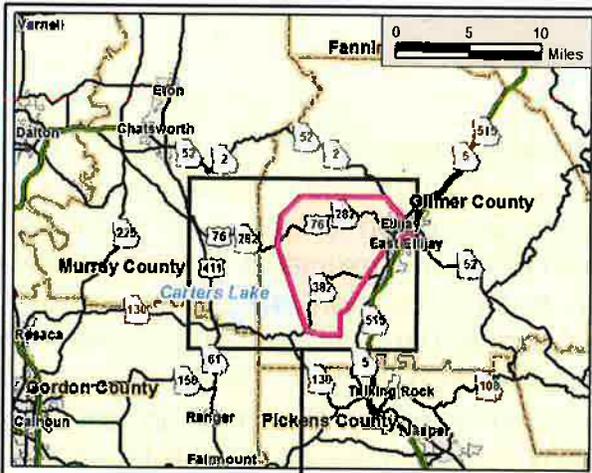
Georgia Transmission

STUDY AREA MAP
Proposed
Ellijay - Roundtop Road
 230 kilovolt
 Transmission Line & Substation

Proposed Ellijay-Roundtop 230 kV Transmission Line
Gilmer County, Georgia
Project Description

Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) is proposing to construct the Ellijay-Roundtop Transmission Line, which would connect the existing Ellijay substation with the proposed Roundtop Road Substation. The Ellijay Substation is located off of Industrial Boulevard (Georgia Highway 282) in Downtown Ellijay, approximately 9 miles northwest of the Carters Lake Project. The Roundtop Road Substation will be located off of Roundtop Road where it crosses the existing Carters Dam-Nelson 230kV Transmission Line, approximately 8 miles southeast of the Carters Lake Project. The proposed Ellijay-Roundtop 230kV Transmission Line would be approximately 17.1 miles in length and generally proceeds west along Georgia Highway 282 from the Ellijay Substation to the Ridgway Recreation Area at Carters Lake and then south-southeast across the Oak Hill Recreation Area on the southern shore of Carters Lake to the Roundtop Road Substation. The new line would require a 100-125 foot wide right-of-way (ROW) easement on cross country segments where trees and other woody stemmed vegetation would be removed, and 35 feet from the existing road right-of-way where the transmission line follows the road. There will be no clearing along the buffers of Carters Lake for a minimum of 200 feet on either shore. Single pole steel or concrete structures would be used to construct the line. Three pole structures would be used to cross Carters Lake in one 2400 foot span. Two potential crossing sites are being considered on USACE property. Enclosed are aerial and topographic maps that show the undertaking's area of potential effects (APE).

GTC will be completing both historic structure surveys and archaeological surveys for the proposed project under a programmatic agreement amongst the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and GTC. These surveys are pending completion.



Ellijay - Roundtop Road 230 kV Transmission Line

From GTC take I-285 West and travel approximately 15.8 miles to Exit 20. Take Exit 20 to I-75 North and travel approximately 9.8 miles. Take slight right onto I-575 North and travel for approximately 31.7 miles where I-575 ends and becomes GA 5/ GA 515. Continue north on GA 5/ GA 515 for approximately 19.7 miles. Turn left onto GA 382/ GA 5 turn left onto GA 382 and continue for approximately 3 miles before entering the study area.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Georgia Transmission

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Project No: P79247	Date: 6/24/2014
Source: GDT	Plot: G.Marrero
Checked: - -	

Information on USACE Property	Current Western Route	vs	Alternative Eastern Route
Total Easement Acreage:	19.48		18.83
Transmission Line Clearing Easement Acreage:	11.76		13.14
Total Length Mileage:	1.24		1.27
Total Length Clearing Mileage:	0.88		1.00
Number of Poles:	11		9
Feet of ROW Along Roads:	1,857.68		2,227.44
Feet of ROW Along Trails:	193.19		1,158.18
Number of Picnic Tables:	2		10
Height of Wire Above Lake:	185'		220'



- Legend**
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Ellijay - Round Top
230 kV Transmission Line

Proposed Alternative
Carter Lake Crossing

Georgia Transmission

Scale: 1" = 300'

North Arrow

Project: Ellijay - Round Top
Date: August 10, 2011
Scale: 1" = 300'

Attachment 7: Public Comment Form

Public Workshop Comment Form

(Comment Period Ends September 18, 2014)

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED EASEMENT GRANTING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CROSSING A PORTION OF PUBLIC LANDS AT THE CARTERS LAKE PROJECT, GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please check the box next to the affiliation that best represent your role or interest in the Proposed Easement

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent Lake Resident or Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> State Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Commercial Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: _____

_____ (continued on reverse)

Comments may be mailed to the Commander, US. Army Engineer District Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI. For additional information, please contact the Carters Lake Project at (706) 334-2640 or Mr. Brian Zettle at (251) 690-2115 or by email at Brian.A.Zettle@usace.army.mil.

Attachment 8: Public Comments

August 22, 2014

Mr. Brian Zettle
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Mobile District, USA

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement for Right Of Way for Electric Transmission Line Crossing USACE Carters Lake Project. (Ridgeway Recreation Area)

Mr. Zettle,

I am in receipt of the documents detailing the proposed easement for the Ellijay-Roundtop 230kV transmission line that would cross a portion of the Carters Lake Project (specifically at the Ridgeway Recreation Area) in Gilmer County. Unfortunately I will be out of town on September 4, 2014 and will not be able to attend the public workshop meeting at the Ellijay Civic Center. As such, please consider this letter to be my formal submission of comment, which may be read publicly at the meeting, about this proposed project.

Let me state that while I understand the need for projects of this nature I am opposed to the use of public lands, and specifically lands set aside for recreational purposes, to facilitate these types of projects. Even more specifically I am opposed to the project as a land owner directly opposite the transmission line site which will be in view to me in its entirety.

When I purchased my home in Gilmer County overlooking Carters Lake and the Ridgeway Recreation Area it was because of the unspoiled view available to me. In fact, it was mentioned by the realtor and prior owner that the property across the lake was a recreation area, managed by the Corp of Engineers and that nothing would ever be built there.

Now I realize that the realtor and prior homeowner could not guarantee that, but my belief and trust in the mission of the Corp of Engineers as a steward of that property would be a huge advantage to me in protecting that property. That trust would be shattered should this project go through. If the transmission line is allowed what is to stop possible development in the USACE buffer zone around the lake which directly impacts my property?

I have trusted the USACE to be a steward of not only the recreational and buffer lands around the lake, but I also support the mission to provide wise management of all lands under the guidance of the USACE. What am I to think now and why should I continue to uphold that standard if this project goes through? Maybe I should just build a dock below my house, bring my boat from the marina to it and be done with it! It wouldn't be any more obtrusive than 200 foot tall steel or concrete poles along a ridgeline cleared of all vegetation for 1.25 miles!

Additionally I am concerned about the impact this project would have to the economic and environmental viability of the Ridgeway Recreation Area. Currently the RRA contains primitive camping, boat ramp, the Tumbling Waters Nature Trail and the Ridgeway Mountain Bike Trail. What would happen to these recreational features if a 14 acres swath 125 feet wide were cut through the heart of it? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

Gilmer County is developing a strong nationwide reputation for Mountain Biking having been featured in top national publications about the sport. (See Mountain Bike Action Magazine: <http://mbaction.com/home-page/photo-of-the-day-mountain-biking-in-georgia>) In particular the trails around Carters Lake have been featured. How will this project impact the economic viability of mountain biking at Ridgeway? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

How will the Tumbling Waters Nature Trail be impacted once the top of the ridge is cleared of all vegetation? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!** The impact to this trail will change the entire landscape of the trail experience. It is described as thus: *Located in Ridgeway*

Park, this trail offers a hike featuring **lush mountain vegetation** and an overlook of the cascading waters of Tails Creek. The total walking distance of this **National Scenic Trail** is slightly over one mile, taking about an hour and a half to hike. The trail is one-way and splits into two directions about 2/5 of a mile into the hike. The left fork leads to the 150-foot long bridge that crosses 30 feet over Tails Creek and ends at the cascade's peak. The right fork leads to an overlook featuring a view of the gentle cascade. Ironically, this description comes directly from a USACE web page:

<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Portals/46/docs/recreation/carters/docs/Hiking%20Trails.pdf>

Many hiking trails surround Carters Lake, mostly through public lands overseen by the USACE. The Carters Lake Project and the many hiking and biking trails also have great regional appeal and enhance the growth of the Gilmer County economy. How will this transmission line affect the hiking and biking experience around Carters Lake? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

Here are more comments about the wonderful recreational experience surrounding Carters Lake: *Carters Lake is a great place for a full-day outing of mountain biking, hiking, swimming, and boating. **The overlook areas offer spectacular views**, and the waterfall near the end of the trail is one of the most beautiful in Georgia. **This gorge was second only to Tallulah Gorge in grandeur.** In fact, canoeing insiders believe that James Dickey's novel-turned-movie, *Deliverance*, which was filmed on the Chattooga, was actually written more with the Coosawattee in mind.*

http://www.sherpaguides.com/georgia/mountains/blue_ridge/western/carters_lake.html

How will this transmission line project improve the spectacular views and the grandeur of the gorge? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

The USACE Mobile District web site features Carters Lake and describes it this way: *Factoid: Carters Lake Project is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. **Carters Lake is one of the most scenic lakes in the Southeast.** Located at the southern end of the Blue Ridge Mountains, its sparkling waters and **rugged shoreline provide a beautiful surrounding** for a variety of recreational opportunities which includes: camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, and hunting.* <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/projects.cfm?id=K502730>
How will this transmission line project improve the scenic lake and the beauty of the rugged shoreline? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

Additionally the environmental impact of the proposed transmission line project is of the most concern to me. I am aware of 18 endangered or threatened species that potentially reside in the project area, including Bald & Golden Eagles, Conasauga Logperch, Etowah Darter, Gray and Northern Long-eared Bats and the **Green Pitcher Plant whose entire Georgia habitat is concentrated in Gilmer, Towns and Union counties.**

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/wizard/trustResourceList!prepare.action>

How will this proposed transmission line project impact the habitat of the species? **I doubt seriously that it will enhance it in any way!**

In conclusion, I believe that there are alternative routes for this transmission line that could be less impactful to the USACE Carters Lake Project area and in fact by-pass the lake area entirely. I am sure that this would be more costly, but as an electric power consumer in Gilmer County I am sure that the cost will rest on my shoulders whatever way the transmission line route takes. That is the burden of modern life!

I therefore respectfully request that the United States Army Corp of Engineers not allow the use of the Ridgeway Recreation Area on the Carters Lake Project to be used for the routing of this transmission line. I also request that no lands on the Carters Lake Project be used for this purpose.

Regards,

Thomas M. George

Thomas M. George
2278 Pine Warbler Way
Marietta, GA 30062

-And-

617 Othello Drive
Coosawattee River Resort
Ellijay, GA 30540

(You may contact me at 404-771-6970 as well, if you wish.)

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Thomas George <mgbtgkg@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 12:03 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Cc: Kathy George; Peter Rothman; Mandy Rothman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI / BRIAN ZETTLE - CARTERS LAKE PROJECT
TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT
Attachments: Carters Lake Power Line Letter-08222014.docx

Mr. Zettle,

Please see the attached letter regarding my comments on the proposed power transmission line project at the USACE Carters Lake Project/Ridgeway Recreation Area. I will be out of town for the meeting and unable to attend, but feel free to express my comments via this letter publicly if appropriate.

In short I am strongly opposed to this project and you will find my comments and reasoning in the attached letter. I am copying this email to Mr. Peter and Mrs. Mandy Rothman, my neighbors and also property owners in an adjacent area to my property in Coosawattee River Resort. They are out of the country and will not return in time for the public workshop meeting. However, I have been in communication with them and their views mirror mine.

You may contact me if you wish by return email or by phone at 404-771-6970.

Regards,
Tom George
Marietta, GA

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Dave Bennett <madisonman1969@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:47 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIANZETTLE-CARTERSLAKETRANSMISSIONLINES

Dear Mr. Settle:

Subject: CESAM-PD-EI/BRIANZETTLE-CARTERSLAKETRANSMISSIONLINES

Please consider the *Western* route for the proposed transmission lines near Coosawattee River Resort since the infrastructure is already in place on the Western side.

As a permanent resident I am against the Eastern route. I am concerned that these lines will have an adverse effect on the property value of our homes, the views of the residents along the Eastern side and the destruction of the beauty of this ridge line.

As a concerned tax payer and resident of Coosawattee River Resort, please consider my request to use the Western route for these power lines.

Respectfully yours,

Davis J. Bennett
18 Gradient Ct #1009
Ellijay Ga 30540
Madisonman1969@yahoo.com

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Gail <gailharvey42@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 5:21 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Transmission Line Project

September 15, 2014

Dear Mr. Zettle,

I am writing to you in hopes that you will choose the Western Route for the proposed transmission line project. It is my understanding the Western Route's infrastructure is already in place it would not negatively affect Ellijay and would be more cost efficient.

I live in Coosawattee River Resort I have been a property owner since the 1980s, living full time since 2012, the beautiful ridgeline and natural surroundings is what attracted me to the North Georgia Mountains. The Western route will have the least negative impact on the residents of Ellijay and homeowners in Coosawattee River Resort.

There are many tax paying owners along the proposed 1.2-mile eastern stretch whose homes and land values will be greatly diminished if the Eastern Route is chosen. The unique river valley is home to many sports and nature enthusiasts. I am asking you to please consider the home and landowners, boaters, and fisherman, whose homes and lives would be forever impacted by the building of Eastern Route and the destruction of the beautiful river valley.

I respectfully ask that chose the Western Route!

Regards,
Daniel and Gail Harvey
Residents of Coosawatte River Resort
Gailharvey42@bellsouth.net

Gail Harvey

Mr. Brian Zettle
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Mobile District, USA

SUBJECT: Proposed Easement for Right Of Way for Electric Transmission Line Crossing USACE
Carters Lake Project. (Ridgeway Recreation Area)

Mr. Zettle,

I am writing in regards to the proposed action detailing the proposed easement for the Ellijay-Roundtop 230kV transmission line that would cross a portion of the Carters Lake Project (specifically at the Ridgeway Recreation Area) in Gilmer County. My husband and I have a home directly across from the proposed Eastern Route so I feel I have a vested interest in the project. We chose our property to live and retire on due to the beautiful nature of the area, and we are very concerned on the effect this would have overall if the Eastern route is chosen.

We understand the need for electricity for current users as well as future growth for Gilmer country. We are concerned however on the impact of the community who lives within Gilmer county and the Coosawattee River Resort.

I do understand that there are other groups affected by these plans, mainly the recreational users. The Ellijay Mountain Bike Association, a supporter of the Eastern Route, does not even list the Western bike trail as one of their featured trails on their web site (<http://ellijaymountainbike.org/home/> - click Rides-Maps to see their supported trails) . I believe that if this trail is not listed than it is not one of their main trails in the area. While the impact to the trail may be substantial, it may also afford opportunities for additional access and other trail improvement opportunities. My understanding is that the Western route will be closer to roads and will be easier and less expensive to build and maintain. I feel that if the Eastern route was chosen then the environmental impact would be greater just getting the vehicles and equipment into the area for construction.

Obviously I have a very personal stake in this decision. I feel that our view and quality of life would change drastically while the bikers and other users of the Western route would be affected by this upon their use. My guess is that most of the users of the bike trail may ride this route a couple of times a month, and probably not all 12 months of the year. By contrast the property and homeowners in the Coosawattee River Resort, of which I am one, will be impacted daily as the proposed Eastern Route will be in full view 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

One of my big concerns as well is the fact that these poles will have to have lights on them. This will certainly have an effect on the quality of life both during the day as well as at night. We spend many nights sitting outside to watch the sunsets and view the stars. If this Eastern route moves forward we feel that our home values will be diminished, will there be consideration of this in the plans?

We also enjoy watching a large number of boats that come up the river for the fishing. We hear and see them just about every morning, rain or shine, year round. I believe the majority of the fishing boats make their way up the beautiful river to access the headwaters for the plentiful fishing that this part of the lake affords them. It is also a popular area to water ski in as well.

For years we have understood and abided by the US Corps rules for cutting down trees and leaving the area as pristine and natural as possible. We have appreciated the efforts in place for Carters Lake and the surrounding areas to remain a pristine and beautiful area. We hope that a decision will be made that will minimize the effect of these towers and lines on those who will be affected daily. We would not have bought our home and property if a transmission line was directly across from our home. We are hopeful that our home will remain one that we love and

cherish for all the reasons we bought it. For this reason we hope that the Western route will be chosen in order for the property owners to maintain the beauty we know and love.

Respectfully,

Kathy George

Kathy George

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Ellijay, Ga 30540

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Marietta, Ga 30062

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kgeorge@cosff.com

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Linda B. <catoholick@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 9:41 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIANZETTLE-CARTERSLAKETRANSMISSIONLINES

Dear Mr. Settle:

Subject: CESAM-PD-EI/BRIANZETTLE-CARTERSLAKETRANSMISSIONLINES

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Respectfully yours,

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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Deborah Graves <deborahgravescpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 3:26 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES.

Dear Mr. Zettle,

It was just brought to my attention that the Army Corp of Engineers is planning to erect a new power line across the Ridgeway Recreation Center. As a homeowner in the Coosawattee River Resort, I respectfully request you vote in favor of choosing the western route, which will not affect as many homeowners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Graves

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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Jim Davis <jkdavisjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 12:54 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] power line option

Brian Zettle

We live in the Ellijay area and use Carters Lake frequently. We would prefer the Western path of the power line.

Jim Davis



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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: BARNES,ERIC B <barnes2@ellijay.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 10:13 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-P-EL/Brian Zettle-Carters LakeTransmission lines

Dear Corp. of Engineers,

My name is Eric Barnes and I live in Ellijay, Georgia.

I am a Board Member of the Coosawattee River Resort.

It has been brought to my attention that a HIGH POWER POWER line could impact our beautiful area.

This proposed power project would highly impact our beautiful living area.

I understand there are two proposed ways this could go, a Western line that would not impact any homeowners or the Eastern line across the Ridgeway Rec area.

I am writing asking you to consider the Western line over the Eastern line for several reasons.

We are a 9,800 acre gated community with around 800 homes in different areas of our community and still building homes everywhere.

I also believe the Eastern line would highly impact the views and surrounding area of Coosawattee River Resort as well as the boaters and fishermen on Carter's Lake.

Even though it has not been proven, but as 60 minutes reported, all of the people in an area in Alabama that live under and around these high power lines have CANCER.

I am just asking you to give this matter your utmost attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Barnes barnes2@ellijay.com

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Howard and Joe <jachob@etcmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 3:32 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES.

Please adopt the western line alternative and avoid spoiling our view and the recreation area.

Thank you,
Howard Boozer,
CRRA resident

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Rothman, Peter <peter.rothman@travelport.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 3:06 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES.

Dear Mr. Zettle,

Please do not decide on the Eastern Route option for this project.

My wife and I are land owners in Coosawattee River Resort.

We have for many years visited friends who live in the resort and have always enjoyed the pristine area and wonderful ridge views from their home.

We enjoyed the area and view so much that we bought 2 lots on Molly Circle and plan to build a retirement home there. Our realtor even informed us that our viewing area was managed by the Corp of Engineers and that the area would remain unspoiled.

The news of this project and in particular the Eastern Route option was a big shock.

My wife and I did not get any official notification – we were notified of this by our friends.

Let me be quite clear – the transmission lines of an Eastern option will totally ruin my view and greatly diminish my property value.

The same applies to the many property owners in this area – owners who have invested in the area because of the wonderful views.

I understand that there is a Western Route option for this project that would not impact any home owners.

Apparently some of the infrastructure is already in place and you would have lines next to roads vs on top of a ridge in full view of many homes.

My wife and I respectfully request that you choose the Western Route option for this project.

Sincerely,

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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Pete <rip4u@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 8:50 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Cc: pete.rourke@lmco.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Carters Lake Electric Transmission Lines

Please see attached document and in-line document I will send a pdf version in the morning in case this has issues going thru firewalls:

Subject: Proposed Transmission Line – Carter’s Lake Project

I am writing as a concerned citizen, retired Navy veteran and Coosawattee River Resort Homeowner. I did not learn about this plan until Saturday September, 13, 2014. I would assume that a plan such as this would come with more information and pictures to show the impacts. My neighbor David Grossman shared his certified letter with me.

I have personally spent many enjoyable hours on Carters Lake exploring its shorelines over the last 7 years, both hiking and in boats. I am very familiar with both the Western route and the Eastern route geography through hiking. What concerns me the most is that the Transmission Lines must go through Army Corps of Engineer land at all? Who determines that? I understand the need to remove single points of failures, I am an engineer. I am a visual person so let me share some images to help voice my concerns.



Figure 1: The red square indicates the end of Myna Drive. All of the yellow parcels represent landowners who will be affected by the placement of these towers and wires in regards to short, medium and long range views. Property values will decline, many retired and hard working citizen’s dreams will be shattered. Most of us who chose to buy property where we did was because typically the Army Corp of Engineers enforces protection of the natural resources at the lake. I have lived adjacent to COE property for the past 16 years in Cherokee County and have found the COE very vigilant to ensure that the integrity of the Corps property remains intact. Has there been a change in this policy?

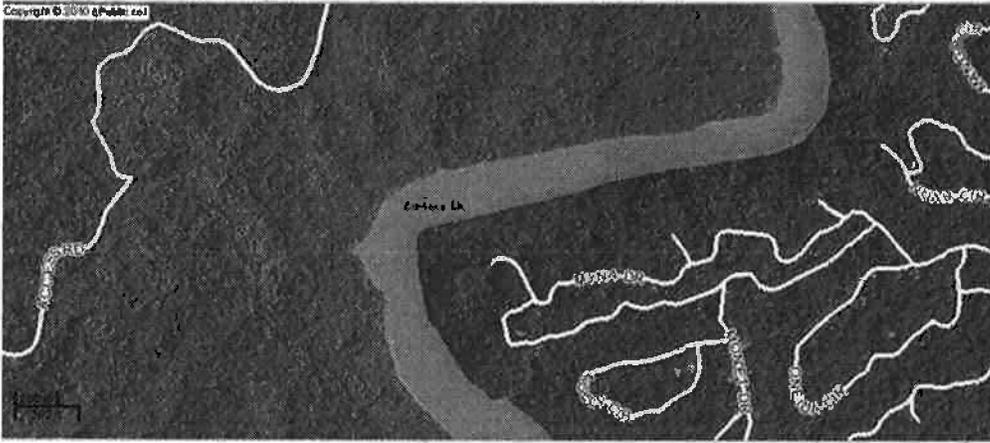


Figure 2: Heavy Southern Forest area (eastern route across the river and to the left of red square) will require more resources to clear than Western Route. The proposed Eastern route is home to multiple eagle pairs and the construction of these towers will disrupt their territory.

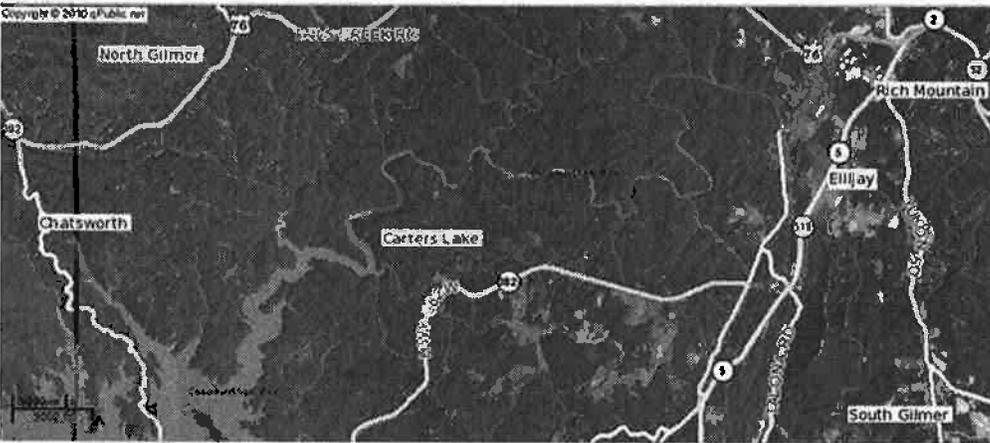


Figure 3 shows a much higher view of the carters Lake Project and the red square represents the residents of Myra drive, Othello drive, Molly Circle and Monet Drive as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

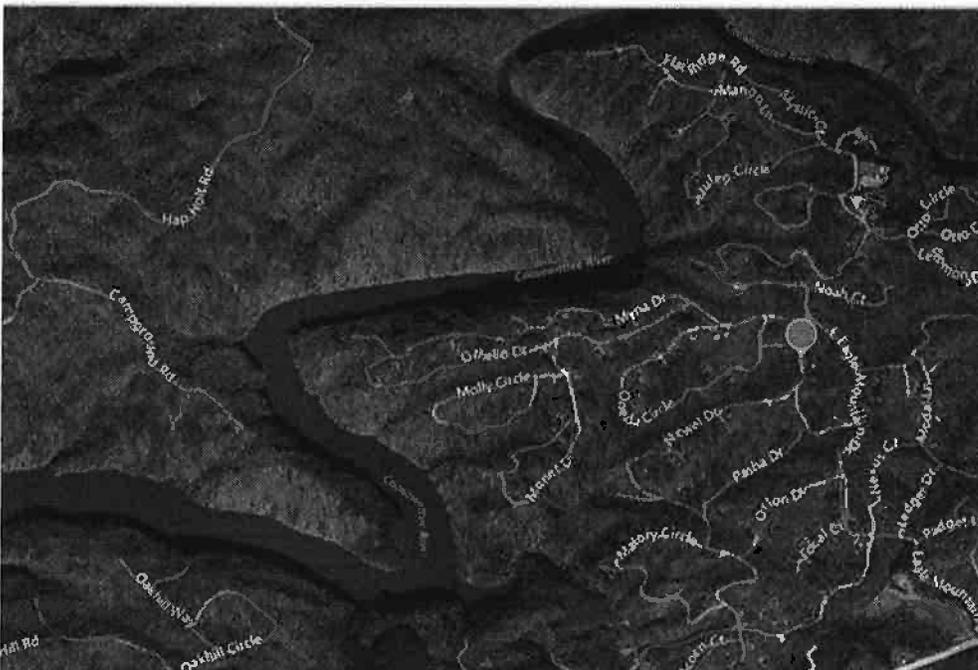


Figure 4 : This view shows the elevation and wilderness ridgeline. If you follow campground road to the end. This remote area contains a waterfall and one of the best fishing holes on the lake. Erecting power lines and towers in recreational areas will defeat the purpose of one going to a recreation area.



Figure 5: overlays the proposed Western and Eastern routes over the map. Note the longer distance on the bottom Eastern route following Campground Rd. This extra distance equates to over 3500 feet versus the 2000 feet proposed for the Western route. Destruction of the environment any more than is necessary seems contrary to our national and statewide environmental stewardship and policies.

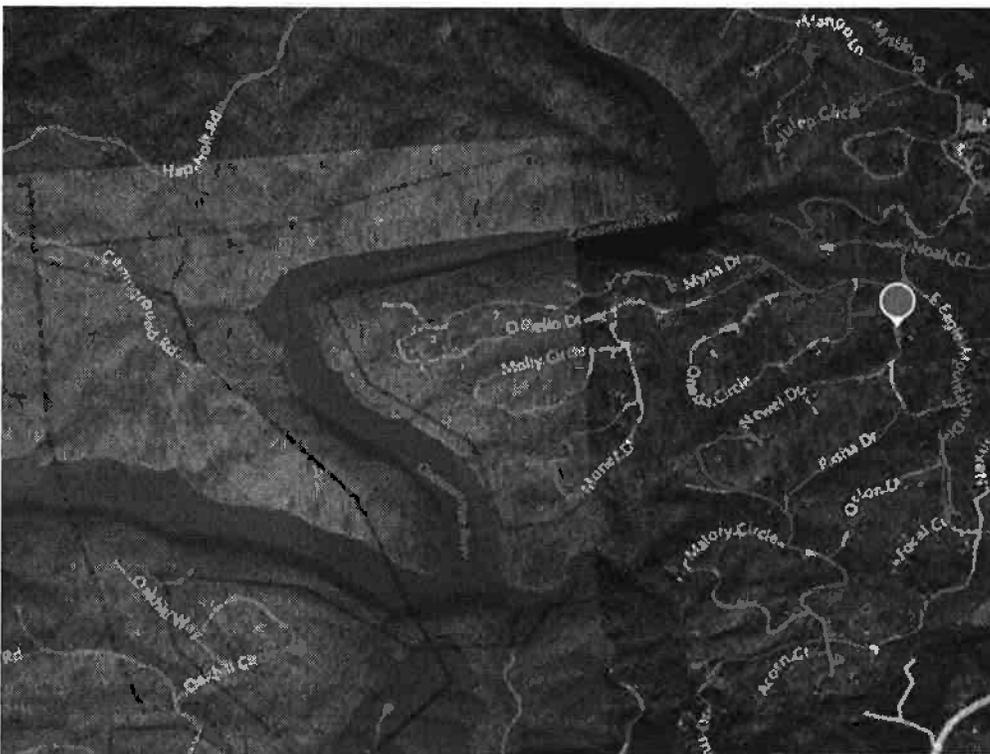


Figure 6: View showing the entire Carters Lake Transmission Line Project overlay to the satellite photo. Fall and Winter views will show the tower and power lines to anyone who travels up the river in boats as well as the residential area to the right will have long range views of power lines versus the natural beautiful mountains they have today.



Figure 7. This picture is the overlay showing all routes and if we wish to leave some of the beautiful North Georgia scenery to future generations would recommend that other options on routing transmission lines be considered.



Figure 8 provides an aerial perspective: The visible road is Othello/Myna Dr. The top of the picture represents the Eastern Route. As you can see it is truly a wilderness area!

I could place many more pictures of the beautiful Carters Lake in this letter. But I wanted to focus on the issue. Introduction of Electric transmission Line through Federal land as proposed in this study, places an unfair impact on homeowners and potential homeowners who border the adjacent COE nature preserve. I present one more picture at a much higher level to show the beauty of the Carters Lake basin and why careful consideration must be made prior to allowing any high voltage electric wires to traverse and thus spoil this beautiful river and lake.



I believe there are alternatives for everything and it is possible that a technical solution not requiring additional towers can be considered. Upgrades to existing power substations to reduce the negative affects of load shifting can be done and likely cost less. I would request that additional time be requested to ensure that all aspects are considered prior to the unnecessary destruction of a beautiful mountain.

Thank You and feel free to contact me with any questions

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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Trevor Davison <trevorldavison@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 3:15 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES.

Hi,
As the owner of a home and 4 lots in Coosawattee River Resort I would voice my objection to any Power lines that affect the residential community. There is enough land away from residential land to install power lines.

Thank you.

Trevor Davison

Cell 954-668-6555

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Sent from my iPhone

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Charlie Gardner <cg491@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 2:35 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES

Dear Mr. Zettle...

Sure hope your day goes well... To keep this short please consider this ballot my vote for the Western Route for the above captioned transmission line project... My concerns are based on minimizing the impact on homeowners and recreational users of the areas in question...

Of course I thank you in advance for your considered attention to this matter... As always, I remain...

In His Service,
Charles Gardner
Homeowner in Coosawattee River Resort...

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Evans, Lorraine S SAM <Lorraine.S.Evans@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Zettle, Brian A SAM
Cc: Robbins, Ervin P SAM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] proposed easement to the Georgia Transmission Corporation (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

USFWS

Hi Brain,

Please reply to Steve's mail below and in doing so copy webcontent@usace.army.mil, thanks teammate.

Go Army,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schubert, Steve [mailto:steve_schubert@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 7:07 AM
To: Evans, Lorraine S SAM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed easement to the Georgia Transmission Corporation

Hi Lorraine,

I was not able to attend the public meeting on Sept 4.
Can you email me a map that shows the various options for the transmission line layouts for the proposed easement to the Georgia Transmission Corporation for a Planned Ellijay-Roundtop 230 kV Transmission Line that would cross a portion of the Carters Lake Project in Gilmer County, Ga.

thanks
Steve

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

-----Original Message-----

From: GREG ALTMAN [<mailto:gregaltman@ellijay.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 2:36 PM

To: Craig, Oliver P SAM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Carters Lake Project

Dear Oliver,

I sent to following email to Col Chytka.

Regards,

Greg

----- Forwarded Message -----

Dear Col. Chytka,

Project : Carters Lake Forest Project

Subject: Georgia Transmission Corp. overhead high voltage 230kV electric transmission line proposed to cross over Carters Lake. We concerned citizens and property owners in Gilmer County need to be aware of the visual and economic impact plus the erosion and negative consequences to the quality of river and lake waters. This Project has been in play for 3 years.

GTC (Georgia Transmission Corp.) has proposed to cut a 125' right-of-way through private land and The US Corp of Engineers Forest, buffering Carters Lake. (See Figure 1) The proposed route is from Roundtop Road Subdivision crossing Hwy 382 to Carters Lake near Ridgeway Boat Park across the lake through more US Corp land then private property to Hwy 282. East on Hwy 282 to the Ellijay Primary Substation.

The Utility Companies: Georgia Power and AEMC and politicians are claiming that our rural county of 29,000 residents need reliable electric service. This proposed secondary line will allow for uninterrupted service. We agree. However, two other alternatives are possible, but more expensive, to service Gilmer County.

We concerned citizens, need to better understand the proposal and listen to alternative plans. If we can get enough citizens together, we should hold a Town Hall Meeting to listen to both GTC and ask The U.S. Corp. Public Affairs Office for speakers.

Please advise me of your position, regarding this Project.

We are asking our HOA (Home Owners Association)and other HOA members on the lake,to be informed and write to their Congressman.

Regards,

Greg Altman
Gilmer County Citizen
706-202-9970

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Please check the box next to the affiliation that best represent your role or interest in the Proposed Easement

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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: I am interested in protecting our trails
and would like to see the eastern leg used.
Any damage caused by the line crossing the
trails should be repaired and/or replaced with
new.

Thank you

(continued on reverse)

Comments may be mailed to the Commander, US Army Engineer District Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI. For additional information, please contact the Carters Lake Project at (706) 334-2640 or Mr. Brian Zettle at (251) 690-2115 or by email at Brian.A.Zettle@usace.army.mil.

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Comments:

I occasionally boat that portion of Carters Lake, but it appears to be roughly equal whether it's "western" or "eastern" crossing. Seems relatively unobtrusive to me. Well done.

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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: The route that appears to affect the best of the recreational opportunities is the eastern route as the right of way clears will impact the aesthetics & usability of the trails. The eastern route only crosses one trail & then follows more of the road way affecting less of the adjacent forest.

(continued on reverse)

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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: My concern is the destruction of the Ridgeway trail system. I'm hoping that it is decided that to use the eastern route as for the new power lines to Ellijay.

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City, State, ZIP Ellijay, Georgia 30536
Phone 706 636 1631
Email _____

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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments:

I would like to see the transmission lines put on the EASTERN PROPOSED ROUTE because it only crosses the existing Ridgeway Trail one time. I would also like to see that any trails that are disrupted in this process be reconstructed for mountain bike use.

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Gail Lyons
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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: Prefer Eastern Route: Would like to Reroute, Rebuild A few of the trails that will be replaced from the line: Bring in a professional trail Builder to work or assist your company. Any Questions please contact me. THX much Mike

(continued on reverse)

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Please check the box next to the topic area(s) that you have comments/concerns about and write your comments in the space provided.

Comments: We fully recognize that the installation of the power lines is vital to our community. But by virtue of being an organization that strives to protect our open spaces and the trails on them, we wish to support the Eastern Route over Ridgeway as that this route would be the least destructive to our natural resources and mountain bike trails. We wish to submit a proposal for compensatory mitigation for trail rehabilitation. (continued on reverse)

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Comments: _____
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Comments ATTACHED

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My North Georgia Hope

I was going to title this "My North Georgia Home"

But, my typo makes this even more accurate.

My wife and I had been looking for a cabin or cabin site in North Georgia for some time. We had been as far north as Blairsville and we had seen some very beautiful land.

We had seen quite a bit of North Georgia in the process.

When we found the Coosawattee River Valley and Carters Lake, we were amazed at the natural beauty and quietness of the area.

It really felt like this beautiful river valley could be in the Great North Woods or somewhere up in Canada.

We found that we share the area with boaters, fisherman, wildlife and a few cabin dwellers. We've had bears.

We even had a bald eagle that would visit us for a while.

Visitors to our cabin have often told me that they are amazed at the natural beauty of the Coosawattee River Valley and I would agree, pointing out that most of the land that could be seen from our cabin home was managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and they were very protective of the natural environment both on and around the lake.

To the point that we could not take a single tree down to improve our view.

No docks, strict tree rules and very protective rangers make Carters Lake and where the Coosawattee River enters the lake quite a unique environment.

I believe we had our cabin and lot surveyed 3 times to be sure that we didn't encroach on this beautiful land.

While this seemed very strict to me, the incredible benefits of tight controls were obvious.

Now, I hear that people need more power and I'm sure that's true, I realize the need for power in this day and age.

I also realize the need for natural beauty in this world. It is needed just as people need food, water and power.

The Coosawattee River of course was immortalized as the Cahulawassee River in James Dickey's novel "Deliverance"

The story being one of development vs nature.

The building of the lake of course forever altered the natural beauty of the Coosawattee River valley taking away part of it's riverine character and replacing it with Carters Lake.

It altered it, but did not destroy it.

This is still and incredibly beautiful and life rejuvenating place.

I think the using the proposed Eastern route for this power line, with it's large cut for a right of way and power poles would be a travesty.

It would undermine much of what the Corps has done to protect this area.

Lets keep the river valley of the Coosawattee just the way it is.
So future generations can enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife just the way my family and I have been able to these past 6 years.

My North Georgia Hope - is that you please recognize the unique beauty and benefits of The Coosawattee River Valley as it enters into Carters Lake and choose an alternative plan of action.

Thank you.

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Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Bob Stuart <robert.t.stuart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 8:55 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] attention PD-EI/Brian Zettle

Sir,

I am very concerned about the high voltage power line project planned to span Carters Lake in the vicinity of Ridgeway park.

What a shame that one of the core principals of keeping Carters lake in a natural setting is being overridden.

I am a property owner in the area, and have searched for information regarding the planed path of this power line. I have searched both the Corp and GTC web site and can find no details.

Without more specific knowledge, The public will not support this project.

I realize that the Corp has full authority over the lake and adjoining lands.

However the market value of the private lands that adjoin the proposed path or are in view of the new power line could be significantly depressed by this project.

How does the Corp of Engineers plan to compensate these property owns for loss of value?

How can we find a route map for the exact route?

I would very much appreciate a reply. I own 10 acres of property that adjoins Corp property and am very concerned.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing more about this proposed project and how impacted property owners can be compensated an or find more information regarding the project.

Bob Stuart

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Stuart Brenner <stuartbrenner@ellijay.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 8:24 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION

Dear Mr. Zettle,

I am writing to you to opt for the Western Route for the proposed transmission line project. I live in Coosawattee River Resort close to the river valley where the beautiful Coosawattee River meets Carter's Lake. We have always felt

comfort in knowing that Corps protects us against anyone disturbing this beautiful ridge-line, and we ask for your help in protecting us against the proposed Eastern route transmission line project.

Reasons for moving forward with the Western route that would have less impact on the residents of Ellijay.

*The Western Route infrastructure is already in place... the road has been cut...and poles along a road vs at the top of a beautiful ridge -line would be much more

unobtrusive. Bikers could still use the bike trails on the Western Route if that was the route chosen. There are many tax paying homeowners and property owners along the proposed 1.2 mile Eastern stretch whose home and land values will be greatly diminished. We live here every day, we are not occasional recreational users.

This unique river valley is home to many boaters, fishermen, homeowners and nature lovers, whose views would be forever altered. I am asking you to please consider the tax paying home and land owners, boaters and fishermen, whose homes and lives would be forever impacted by the scraping and building of the Eastern Route transmitting poles and lines, blinking lights in the evening sky, and destruction of this beautiful river valley. I respectfully ask that you choose the Western Route.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

Stuart & Janet Brenner
stuartbrenner@ellijay.com
991 Garnet Dr. #9249
Ellijay, Ga 30540

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Kenneth Mercer <kenmrcr2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 4:29 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] attention PD-EI/Brian Zettle

My family and I request that you select the Western line so that our quality of life is not impacted.

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Ken Mercer Lot 600R Eagle Mountain

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: linda cheek <lcheek2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 2:38 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-ElBrian Zettle-Carters Lake Transmission Lines

Dear Mr. Zettle,

I'm writing today as a homeowner in the Coosawattee River Resort and as a Realtor. My home is right on the river and I am quite concerned about the impact this project will have on my home value and my income (since I do a lot of business in the CRR...
I am asking that you please choose the Western route for this project.
I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Linda Cheek
lcheek2000@yahoo.com
668 Novena Court - #9282
Ellijay, GA 30540

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: WOODLAND REALTY <SUS@ELLIJAY.COM>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 4:14 PM
To: CESAM-PD-H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CESAM-PD-EI/BRIAN ZETTLE-CARTERS LAKE TRANSMISSION LINES

Dear Mr. Zettle,

I am writing to opt for the Western Route for the proposed transmission line project.

I live in Coosawattee and was one of the original developers of the resort. My husband and I have made this resort our home since we bulldozed the first road in in 1976. I am a real estate Broker and derive much of my business from the sale of homes and lots in this resort - my specialty.

One of the things that we have "always known" was that nothing would be put on the Corps land that would impact property owners at Coosawattee. In this case, with the Western Route, it would be far less impact for the entire western side of the resort. Homeowners and lot owners would not have to worry about the decrease in their property values.

Choosing the other route so that "mountain bikers" are not impacted is just plain ridiculous. We are tax payers and property and homeowners whose lives will be adversely affected forever if the Western Route is not chosen.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain how many of us feel. I remain, respectfully,

Susan Moody, Broker, Woodland Realty

09/18/2014

Mr. Brian Zettle

US Army Engineer District – Mobile AL

Dear Brian-

Thank you for taking my calls these last two days. Any unanswered questions were handled by Mr. Leighton of GA Transmission . As far as the project as it has been presented...I object to the considerable impact on the various wildlife habitats in the area of the Ridgeway recreation facilities and up into the ridge flanking the road north to GA282. I have the understanding that there has been an impact study but the report has not as of yet been released. It is incomprehensible-what a project of this size will do the eagle, heron and other various birds located here, fox, deer, bear, large cat, turtle, fish, etc.

The other consideration is the devastating effects to the property values w the views of the lake west to the Ridgeway Rec. area from within Coosawattee River Resort, certainly of paramount concern. As you know, property values everywhere in GA took a severe hit during the economic downturn crisis. Gilmer Co has been very slow to show recovery. This area thru out the Coosawattee RR saw home & property values drop by at least a third. Those of us bordering Army Corp or w views of from the ridges of the lake or recreation area have "view value" but with these proposed 230kw transmission crossing in the recreation area- there goes the property values to drop even further. I do not understand how public lands designated as recreational use area to be shared by all can be scheduled for this type of use/abuse. There are other routes, but along GA 382 was mentioned as not viable because of the airstrip in that area. This is not in use & is considered a facility that is closed.

Mr. Thomas George has provided other technical alternatives for stabilization of the power serving this region of Gilmer Co. These should be further researched by GTC and Amicalola Power.

I cannot accept either east or west version of the transmission line into Ridgeway Rec area. If this absolutely must be the crossover area...take it further west on Oakhill before taking it across the lake Corp to Corp west of the Ridgeway water access inlet to go north of boat ramp area following the road out of the recreation area northward. This would bypass the campground, boat ramp, day use areas & most of the mtn. biking trails. See copy of this route drawn for you on the enclosed map. This would not have the impact on the recreation area nor the property views from within Coosawattee River Resort.

Mr Oliver from the Carters Lake Army Corp office & Mr Leighton of GTC both were of great assistance. It is my understanding that there will be at least one more, if not two, public meetings on this matter.

If it wasn't for GTC giving us property owners a heads up, we could not give our input. Looking forward to them and will be of assistance in this matter concerning all of us using the recreation area or having property affected in Coosawattee Resort.

Sincerely-

Dr Debrah K Swanberg-Grossman

Cc: David Grossman, Thomas George

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: David Proctor <Davidp@MCN-NSN.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Zettle, Brian A SAM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Easement for granting a ROW Carters Lake Project

Mr. Zettle:

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is interested in reviewing the proposed EA for this project. Please include the MCN on the mailing list (or email) for any reports or documents available for this project, Thank You.

David J. Proctor, Cultural Advisor
Cultural Preservation Office
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, Ok 74447
Dproctor@mcn-nsn.gov
(918) 732-7732

In The Matter Of:

*United States Army Corps of Engineers
On Behalf of Georgia Transmission Corporation*

*Public Open House Meeting
September 4, 2014*

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UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ON BEHALF OF

GEORGIA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING, taken before

Audrey Michelle Ling, Certified Court Reporter

and Notary Public, commencing at 6:00 p.m., on

this the 4th day of September 2014, at 1561 South

Main Street, Ellijay, Georgia.

1 Dana Heil, Vince Howard, Ted Hicks,
2 Christy Johnson - Environmental Compliance;
3 Chuck Scarborough, Pete Barnett, Brett
4 Tucker - Land and Legal Rights Coordinator;
5 Laura Suber, Louisa Rosenberg, Giovanni
6 Marrero - Mapping Coordination;
7 Chip Buttrill, Warren Puryear -
8 Maintenance;
9 Taylor Wood, Brian Deye, Levi Bennett -
10 Area Planning;
11 Craig Heighton, Tom Parker, Holly
12 Daniell - External Affairs.
13 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers subject
14 matter experts are:
15 Rick Brannan - Operation Project
16 Manager, Carters Project;
17 Oliver Craig - Natural Resources
18 Manager, Carters Project;
19 Pat Robbins, Chief - Legislative and
20 Public Affairs;
21 Lewis "Chuck" Sumner - Biologist;
22 Michael Creswell - Assistant District
23 Counsel;
24 Kenneth Day - Natural Resources
25 Specialist.

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2 OPENING STATEMENT:

3 The time is now 6:00 p.m., September 4,
4 2014. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public
5 Open House Meeting for Georgia Transmission
6 Corporation's proposed Ellijay - Round Top Road
7 230 kV Transmission Line has begun.

8 The meeting is being held at the Gilmer
9 County Civic Center, 1561 South Main Street,
10 Ellijay, Georgia 30540 in Gilmer County.

11 Georgia Transmission Corporation has
12 arranged for eight tables where property owners
13 may ask questions of subject matter experts. A
14 sign-in sheet is being used at the door. In
15 addition to asking questions and making oral
16 comments, individuals may submit questions or
17 statements in writing on forms provided, or they
18 may request the court reporter present to take
19 down questions and comments. Information
20 brochures are available for the public.

21 Georgia Transmission Corporation's
22 subject matter experts are:

23 Herb Payne - Project Manager;
24 Staci Beckwith - Transmission Line
25 Design;

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 ORAL COMMENTS:

3 MS. LORI PIERAERTS: I'm Lori
4 Pieraerts, P-I-E-R-A-E-R-T-S. Yes. And I'm here
5 today. I want to voice my opinion regarding the
6 route, which route. And I would like to see the
7 eastern route chosen because it only cuts across
8 one mountain bike path. And I'm just going to
9 keep it simple like that.

10 MR. CHUCK TRIPPE: My name is Chuck
11 Trippe. I'm representing The Trippe Living
12 Trust. My preference is for the eastern route.
13 And I feel that the eastern route would be better
14 for the Corps because it would be -- it would be
15 better for the Corps of Engineers because it
16 would use less right-of-way for the Corps of
17 Engineers. It would be better for the property
18 owners, the private landowners, myself being one,
19 because that puts it over the property line
20 instead of bisecting -- instead of bisecting our
21 piece of land there. And that's my preference.

22 MS. MELANIE HARLOW: My name is Melanie
23 Harlow, and I'm a joint property owner with
24 Kay -- Mary Kay Hamilton. We own the first lot
25 in Oak Hill subdivision, which is actually --

1 it's undeveloped right now other than the roads.
2 But both of these proposed lines will come within
3 around 300 feet from our property line. The
4 western route coming down the road will be around
5 300 feet, and the eastern route will be also
6 about the same distance on the backside of our
7 lot.

8 But looking at the proposals, we would
9 definitely prefer this eastern route as opposed
10 to the western route for a number of reasons.
11 But, you know, I wanted to make sure that I made
12 that comment so that we would have our say in
13 there, you know, for what it's worth. But I hope
14 it's worth something.

15 And then, actually, they have -- on
16 their maps and everything, they have our property
17 under Mary Hamilton, who also owns it with me.
18 We own it together. We're both on the deed.
19 She's not here, so I'm speaking for both of us.

20 (Proceedings concluded.)

21 CLOSING STATEMENT:

22 The time is now 8:00 p.m. and the USACE
23 Public Open House Meeting for Georgia
24 Transmission Corporation's proposed Ellijay -
25 Round Top Road 230 kV Transmission Line has

1 concluded. Approximately 35 individuals from the
2 area visited after the meeting opened at
3 6:00 p.m.
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1 C E R T I F I C A T E

2 STATE OF GEORGIA)
3 COUNTY OF GILMER)

4 I, Audrey Michelle Ling, Meeting Officer,
5 being a Certified Court Reporter in and for the
6 State of Georgia at large, certify that the
7 foregoing transcript is a true and complete
8 record of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public
9 Open House Meeting, on behalf of the Georgia
10 Transmission Corporation on Thursday,
11 September 4, 2014.

12 WITNESS my hand and official seal at Gilmer
13 County; Ellijay, Georgia, on September 4, 2014.
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16 AUDREY MICHELLE LING, CCR-B-1752
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Attachment 9: Official Mailout List to Gilmer County Officials and Native Tribes with Interest in Georgia

Hicks, Edward (Ted)

From: Heighton, Craig <craig.heighton@gatrans.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 11:31 AM
To: Day, Kenneth SAM
Cc: McCall, Bubba; Hicks, Edward (Ted)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] GTC Invite List to 4 Sep Public Meeting
Attachments: USACE.PubMtg.Property Owner list (3).doc

Importance: High

Ken,

Please find attached a list of individual property owners to whom we intend to send invite letters concerning the 4 Sep public meeting. Additionally, we plan to invite the following:

- Tribal Leaders (from list previously provided to you)
- Elected Officials:
 - o U.S. Congressman Doug Collins
 - o Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston
 - o Gilmer Co. Chairman J.C. Sanford
 - o Gilmer Co. Commissioners Dallas Miller and Danny Hall
- Coosawattee River Resort Home Owners Association
- Charles Gibson, Amicalola EMC President/CEO
- Paige Green, Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce President

As discussed, please compare this list with those on your list so that we don't have duplicates. Thanks, again, for your help and for all that you are doing to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

Craig Heighton APR
Public Affairs Director
Georgia Transmission Corporation
2100 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084
(770) 270-7552



August 14, 2014

*Keywords Center
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Georgia Transmission Corporation
2100 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084-5336
phone 770-270-7400
fax 770-270-7872

Mr. Clem Sylestine
Principal Chief
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road, 56
Livingston, TX 77351

Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an
Electric Transmission Line Crossing a Portion of Public Lands at the Carters
Lake Project, Gilmer County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sylestine:

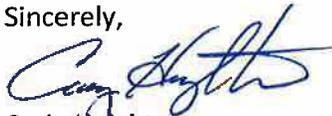
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Also enclosed is a map depicting the general proposed transmission line segments being considered. Please give me a call at 770-270-7552 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Craig Heighon
Public Affairs Director

CH:cj

Enclosures: USACE Public Notice, Project Location Map
Records Center: ER02T-9

August 14, 2014

Mr. Carlos Bullock
Tribal Council Chairman
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road, 56
Livingston, TX 77351

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August 14, 2014

Mr. George Blanchard
Governor
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an
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Lake Project, Gilmer County, Georgia

Dear Governor Blanchard:

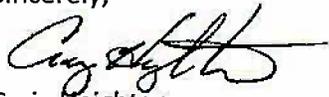
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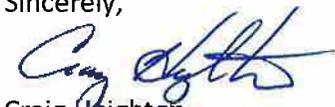
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Chief
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
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PO Box 17
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Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an
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Second Chief and NAGPRA Coordinator
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Mr. S. Joe Crittenden, Deputy Chief
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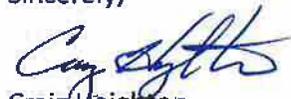
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Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
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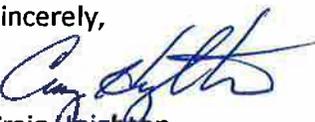
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Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an
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Lake Project, Gilmer County, Georgia

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August 14, 2014

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Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an Electric Transmission Line Crossing a Portion of Public Lands at the Carters Lake Project, Gilmer County, Georgia

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August 14, 2014

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Mr. Emman Spain
Interim Historic Preservation Officer
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Mr. Thomas Yahola
Chairperson of Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Resources
Muscogee Creek Nation National Council
P O Box 158
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Muscogee Creek Nation National Council
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Mr. Robert Thrower
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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5811 Jack Springs Road
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Principal Chief
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Seminole, OK 74868

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Chairman
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Sterling Road
Hollywood, FL 33024

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Public Affairs Director

CH:cj

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August 14, 2014

Mr. George Scott
Town King
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
P O Box 188
Okemah, OK 74859

Subject: Public Workshop for a Proposed Easement Granting Right-of-Way for an
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Assistant Chief
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P O Box 746
Tahlequah, OK 74465

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Ms. Lisa Larue-Baker
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Attachment 10: Letters of Support from Local Officials

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1111 Bay Street, 10th
Savannah, GA 31401
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WASHINGTON OFFICE
912 Capital House, 5th Floor, Room 500
Washington, DC 20540
(202) 225-5833



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1000

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ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB CREATION
AND REGULATORY REFORM

WORKFORCE, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE CONSUMER

COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

March 13, 2014

COL Jon J. Chytka
Commander
Mobile District
US Army Engineer District, Mobile
109 Saint Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602-3630

Dear Colonel Chytka:

I am writing to thank you for agreeing to review Georgia Transmission Corporation's (GTC) application to use Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) land to construct its proposed Ellijay Roundtop Electric Transmission Line across Carters Lake. Unreliable electrical service is unacceptable and this project will provide certainty and safety to the people of Gilmer County and their electrical system.

The City of Ellijay is the county seat of Gilmer County, Georgia, approximately 80 miles northeast of Atlanta. As a rural county of about 29,000 people, reliable electrical service is imperative. This secondary line will allow for uninterrupted service in the event of a disruption to the main line and compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) mandatory reliability standards.

The GTC has shown that it is more than willing to mitigate any environmental concerns that the ACOE raises and will enthusiastically work to improve recreational attractions in the area. Their plan would cross fewer streams, relocate fewer homes, and disrupt fewer residents than the ACOE alternative.

The GTC has shown multiple benefits to the government including continuity of power flow from Carter's Dam to the transmission system in north Georgia. Increased reliability will also attract members of the public from throughout the state and region to come and enjoy all that the Carter's Lake Project has to offer.

I request that you give the Georgia Transmission Corporation your full consideration of this project, consistent with your existing guidelines and policies. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Doug Collins
Member of Congress

cc:
Georgia Transmission Corporation



March 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to begin by thanking you on behalf of the Gilmer County community and specifically, the business community, for reconsidering your position regarding the Georgia Transmission proposal for a new line for our community.

As I mentioned during our meeting at Georgia Transmission headquarters on February 25, 2014, our community desperately needs the addition of this line. Our power reliability is amongst the worst, if not the worst, in the state. This does not bode well for our ability to expand our economic base, create good jobs for our citizens, and improve the overall quality of life for all.

I firmly believe that Carters Lake, a reservoir that we are all proud of, will directly benefit from our ability to attract more visitors to our area. This is only possible when guests believe that they are visiting a thriving community. We want to continue our wonderful relationship with the local Corps office and continue promoting the wonderful asset that is Carters Lake.

Therefore, I implore you to work with us and Georgia Transmission to provide reliable power to our community. I do believe that you will find great partners in GTC, an organization that I have come to believe has our community's and your best interest at heart.

Again, on behalf of the business community of Gilmer County, thank you for considering our proposal. I look forward to working with you in the future as we move forward. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach me at 706-635-7400.

Regards,

Paige Green
President





**Amicalola Electric
Membership Corporation**

"Owned by Those We Serve"

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Jasper, GA 30143
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March 17, 2014

Jon J. Chytka
Colonel, US Army
Commander and District Engineer
109 Saint Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

Dear Colonel Chytka:

Thank you again for meeting with us at Georgia Transmission Corporation in Atlanta and I wanted to add my support to the GTC Transmission upgrade. As President and CEO of Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation, I feel a keen duty and responsibility to provide reliable and affordable electricity to our customers.

Interestingly, we lost two of our sub-stations this morning due to a faulty piece of equipment at the Ellijay Main station. Power was rerouted via the Tioga 46kv line in the south end of Gilmer County. This could have been difficult had the weather not been so mild.

The proposed Ellijay-Roundtop Road transmission line will be quite robust when completed. In addition to being capable of handling the needed rerouting of power, this line will enable Amicalola EMC to serve customer growth for years to come. Our plan is to add a distribution station in the western part of Gilmer County along the transmission route. There has also been much interest in development of properties around Carters Lake, and we expect that as we see the local economy improve we will need reliable power to meet that growth.

As I mentioned previously, I strive to provide affordable electric power to all of our customers. Added transmission costs due to unnecessary easement issues costs everyone money that they should not be asked to pay.

Reliable electricity has become second nature to all of us, and we just expect it from our power supply companies. Your help in expediting this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Gibson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Charles L. Gibson
President/CEO