

Consensus Agreement for the Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Team (TCST)

Purpose – Establish a consensus agreement for signature by the Primary Members of the Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Team at the joint meeting with the Nantahala Cooperative Stakeholder Team on May 16, 2003. Those primary members and the organizations they represent who agree in consensus will work toward conversion of the consensus agreement into a settlement agreement by September 15, 2003.

I. DPNA agrees to the following:

A. Recreation (Rec) Facilities

1. Wolf Lake

- a. 50-50 cost-share with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) on bank repair and an extension of the ramp if needed to make it usable with the lake surface at 90.0 ft. DPNA to add toilet, trash collection and lighting.* (Tier 1**) (Note: NCWRC to also provide a dock, but not barrier-free at this location. Also, this project may be completed before the other Tier 1 projects if funds can be made available from the NCWRC and DPNA and any necessary agency approvals can be obtained).
- b. Upon completion, pay for the initial construction of boat-accessible-only, primitive, scattered camping sites on property owned by the United States Forest Service (USFS). One-time DPNA expense of up to \$25,000. (Tier 1**)
- c. Develop a fishing trail on DPNA-owned and USFS-owned properties along the Wolf Creek Bypass to Wolf Creek Falls. (Tier 1**)

2. Tanssee Lake

- a. Add “tote and float” boating access area. (Tier 1**)
- b. Reconstruct day use area on property owned by the USFS to include improved parking, picnicking and trails to dispersed camping and bank fishing sites.* (Tier 1**)

3. Bear Lake

- a. Rebuild the boat ramp at the existing location, including a ramp extension if needed to ensure the ramp is usable with the lake surface at 92.0 ft. DPNA to improve/pave access road and parking lot, upgrade boating access area to include lighting, toilet, bank fishing area, and trash collection.* (Tier 1**) (Note: NCWRC to also provide a barrier-free dock)
- b. Upon completion, pay for the initial construction of boat-accessible-only, primitive, scattered camping sites on property owned by the USFS. One-time DPNA expense of up to \$25,000. (Tier 1**)

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4. Lake Glenville

- a. DPNA will provide a toilet, a public land based bank fishing area with trail (if the site is suitable), lighting, and waste collection at each of the two existing access sites.* (Tier 1**) (Note: NCWRC to also provide a barrier-free dock at each of the two existing public access areas).
- b. Provided the necessary property rights are held or can be secured by DPNA or the American Whitewater Affiliation (AW), construct facilities to provide adequate access to the Glenville Bypass, including any necessary parking and trail facilities. (Tier 1** - Note that since initiating whitewater releases in the Glenville Bypass are contingent upon having adequate access facilities, this item will be a top priority in scheduling construction of the Tier 1 projects).
- c. Partner with NCWRC to reconfigure the entrance road and remove a boulder in the lake at one of the access areas. (Tier 2**).

5. Tuckasegee Lake

- a. Construct a bank fishing trail and a gravel parking area on DPNA property at the headwaters of the reservoir. Provided the necessary property rights are held or can be secured by DPNA or AW to allow adequate access for a boating put-in point on the Glenville Bypass, also construct a boating take-out at this location. (Tier 1**- Note that since initiating whitewater releases in the Glenville Bypass are contingent upon having adequate access facilities, this item will be a top priority in scheduling construction of the Tier 1 projects).

6. Cedar Cliff Lake

- a. Add lighting to the existing access area. * (Tier 1**)

7. Dillsboro Pond – Facilities addressed in Section F - Resource Enhancement Initiatives.

8. Main Stem of Tuckasegee River below Tuckasegee and Cedar Cliff Hydros

- a. Develop a public boat launch and gravel parking area on DPNA property below the Cedar Cliff Powerhouse on the East Fork near Shook Cove, including a companion take-out area approximately 0.5 mi downstream of the boat launch. (Tier 1**)
- b. Develop a public boat launch and gravel parking area at the Tuckasegee Powerhouse, provided suitable agreements can be reached with the property owners. (Tier 1**)
- c. Develop a public boat launch and gravel parking area at Jackson County's East Laporte Park, provided suitable agreements can be reached with Jackson County. (Tier 1**)
- d. Develop an upstream take-out and downstream put-in for drift boat and canoe access at Cullowhee Dam, provided suitable agreements can be reached with the property owners. (Tier 1**)

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- e. Provide a public boat launch and gravel parking area in the delayed harvest section of the Tuckasegee River, provided suitable agreements can be reached with the property owners. (Tier 1** - Note the Tuckasegee Water & Sewer Authority's treatment plant property just upstream of the Dillsboro Pond is the primary site choice. This item will be a top priority in scheduling construction of the Tier 1 projects to improve safety by providing a take-out point upstream of Dillsboro Dam)
- f. Provide a public boat launch and gravel parking area in the Barkers Creek section of the Tuckasegee River, provided suitable agreements can be reached with the property owners. (Tier 1**)
- g. Provide a public boat launch and gravel parking area in the Whittier section of the Tuckasegee River, provided suitable agreements can be reached with the property owners. (Tier 1**)
- h. If suitable agreements with property owners for any of the above main stem projects cannot be negotiated by 11/15/03, the requirement for DPNA to build the subject facility will be cancelled. In such cases, DPNA will make the budgeted funds for each cancelled site available through the end of the Tier 2 project construction schedule for public access improvement projects along the Tuckasegee River in the same general area as the cancelled sites, provided that other parties can gain control of the necessary public access property rights and those rights must extend at least through the remaining life of the new East Fork and West Fork project licenses.

9. Wildlife Viewing Platforms on Reservoirs

- a. Work with the NCWRC, the USFS, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Jackson County Government to evaluate wildlife viewing opportunities on the East Fork and West Fork project reservoirs at the following locations: (1) the public recreation areas adjoining the reservoirs, (2) property owned by the USFS adjoining the reservoirs or (3) Andrews Park on Lake Glenville. Provide a summary by 8/1/03 of any significant viewing opportunities and the need, practicality and cost of providing one viewing platform per reservoir at one of these three locations.
- b. If such a viewing platform is needed and can cost-effectively be constructed, then it will be added to the construction plans identified above (if it will be located at one of the DPNA-owned access areas) or DPNA will pay for its construction once construction is completed (if it will be located on USFS-owned property or at Andrews Park). (Tier 1**)

10. Public Swimming Area

- a. Work with the NCWRC, the USFS, the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDWR) and stakeholder team representatives from the Adjoining Property Owner primary interest category to evaluate the East Fork and West Fork project reservoirs and determine if a public swimming area that meets accepted design standards can be incorporated at any of the following places: (1) the public recreation areas or other DPNA-owned properties adjoining the reservoirs, (2) Andrews Park on Lake Glenville, or (3) property owned by the USFS that adjoins a DPNA reservoir. The public swimming

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area will consist of a beach, marked boundaries within the lake and a gravel parking area. Provide a summary by 8/1/03 of the most feasible location, an estimate of the construction and operational costs and identify the entity that would maintain the public swimming area.

- b. If a site that meets the accepted design standards can be located, a single public swimming area will be added to the applicable site construction plan identified above (if it will be located at one of the public recreation areas, or on DPNA-owned land) or DPNA will pay for its construction once construction is completed (if it will be located on USFS-owned property or at Andrews Park). (Tier 1**)

11. Other Recreation Planning & Facilities Improvements

- a. Work with stakeholder team members from the local governments in Jackson County to prioritize other known recreation initiatives, particularly those that enhance use of the Tuckasegee River either on or downstream of a DPNA hydro reservoir or that highlight the area's cultural heritage. As a minimum, the following items must be considered and prioritized accordingly:
 - 1) Greenway facilities that include river access
 - 2) The Andrews Park Master Plan.
- b. Review the prioritized list and select initiatives from the list to receive funding support from DPNA.
- c. Contribute a total of \$350,000 toward implementation of the DPNA-selected initiatives.
- d. Contributions will be made during the Tier 1 and Tier 2** project timeframes.

* (1) Pump-and-haul toilets will be made available only if there is sufficient property for installation and the required permits can be obtained, (2) Lighting will be provided if there is no charge for running the primary line to the site, (3) Cost-effective lighting will be designed with input from the USFWS and the NCWRC to minimize any negative impacts on fish and wildlife resources (potential examples include use of low pressure sodium bulbs with appropriate shielding), (4) Trash collection will be provided to support recreational use at this location only, but may be discontinued if the site is used to dispose of household or other waste from off-site locations and (5) The bank fishing area will be land based with trail (if the site is suitable).

** For Tier 1 projects, construction will be completed within 5 years following issuance of the new licenses from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the East Fork and West Fork Projects and closure of all legal challenge periods. Also, any construction of this type within the FERC project boundary must first be approved by the FERC and permits from other regulatory agencies may also be required.

** For Tier 2 projects, construction will be completed from 6 to 15 years following issuance of the new FERC licenses for the East Fork and West Fork Projects and closure of all legal

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challenge periods. Also, any construction of this type within the FERC project boundary must first be approved by the FERC and permits from other regulatory agencies may also be required.

B. Public Info

1. Reservoir information

- a. Add the following to the DPNA website - actual lake level readings, the Normal Operating Ranges, recent lake level histories, near-term lake level projections and special messages for all East Fork and West Fork project reservoirs except Tuckasegee Lake.
- b. Actual lake levels for all East Fork and West Fork project reservoirs except Tuckasegee Lake and special messages will be provided by the DPNA telephone information line.
- c. Special messages concerning modifications to lake level operating bands will be communicated per the Low Inflow and Hydro Project Maintenance and Emergency Protocols.
- d. The above lake level information will be provided beginning in 2004.

2. Recreational flow information

- a. Generation and bypass release flow schedules for the East Fork and West Fork projects will be maintained by the DPNA telephone information line and website.
- b. Special messages concerning modifications to the generation and bypass release schedules will be communicated per the Low Inflow and Hydro Project Maintenance and Emergency Protocols.
- c. Establish a hotlink on the DPNA website to access the real-time surface water gages on the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) website that takes the user directly to the real-time data for USGS Gage # 03510500 at Dillsboro, NC and USGS Gage # 03508000 at Tuckasegee, NC
- d. The above recreational flow information will be provided beginning in 2004.

3. Gage reactivation

- a. Upon completion by the USGS, pay for reactivation and ongoing maintenance of USGS Gage # 03510500 at Dillsboro, NC and USGS Gage # 03508000 at Tuckasegee, NC (Potential additional partners – NCDWR, USFWS)
- b. Gages fully operational by 2004, provided USGS can complete reactivation by then.

4. Communications Technology Improvements

- a. DPNA will follow improvements in communication technology and infrastructure that may occur over the life of the next hydro project licenses and will make cost-effective enhancements to the delivery of reservoir and recreational flow information.

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5. Other Recreation Information Improvements

- a. Establish a Communications Working Group from interested members of the TCST to evaluate the audiences and needs for additional recreation information relative to the East Fork and West Fork Projects and the access points on the main stem of the Tuckasegee River and to prepare the necessary communications tools. Potential examples include but are not limited to:
 - 1) Signage at points of public access (e.g. show USFS and DPNA property boundaries, provide web addresses and telephone numbers, provide appropriate warnings, wildlife interpretive information, etc.)
 - 2) A recreation brochure
 - 3) A staff gage at the put-in point on the West Fork Bypass to provide boaters and DPNA operators with field indications of flowrates in the West Fork Bypass.
 - 4) A wildlife checklist or poster.
- b. Focus effort primarily on improving existing communications tools and better public access to information that already exists.
- c. Working Group will conduct the evaluation and propose a schedule and cost-sharing plan by August 15, 2003.

C. Lake Levels

1. **Conventions and Definitions** - All elevations listed below are relative to the top of the dam (including the flood gates, fuse plugs and flashboards where applicable), with 100.0 ft = Full Pond. Normal Minimum, Normal Maximum and Normal Target Elevations change on a daily basis. The elevations shown are for the 1st day of the given month. Elevations for other days of the month are determined by linear interpolation. The Normal Target Elevation = the lake level that DPNA will endeavor in good faith to achieve, unless operating in the Low Inflow or Hydro Project Maintenance & Emergency Protocol. Since inflows vary significantly and outflow demands also vary, DPNA will not always be able to maintain actual lake levels at the Normal Target Elevations. As long as actual lake levels are within the Normal Operating Range and DPNA is not operating under the Low Inflow or Hydro Project Maintenance and Emergency Protocols, DPNA will be in compliance with any future settlement agreement, 401 Water Quality Certification and license requirements with regard to lake levels.

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2. Lake Glenville – Maintain the following Normal Operating Range:

Month	Normal Minimum Elevation (ft)	Normal Target Elevation (ft)	Normal Maximum Elevation (ft)
Jan	85	90	94
Feb	85	90	94
Mar	88	91	94
Apr	90	93	96
May	95	97	99
Jun	95	97	99
Jul	95	97	99
Aug	93	95	98
Sep	90	93	94
Oct	90	93	94
Nov	86	90	94
Dec	85	90	94

3. Tanassee & Wolf Lakes – Maintain the following Normal Operating Range:

Month	Normal Minimum Elevation (ft)	Normal Target Elevation (ft)	Normal Maximum Elevation (ft)
Jan	83	85	92
Feb	83	85	92
Mar	83	85	92
Apr	86	88	96
May	90	93	100
Jun	90	93	100
Jul	90	93	100
Aug	90	93	100
Sep	90	93	100
Oct	90	93	100
Nov	86	88	96
Dec	83	85	92

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4. Bear Lake – Maintain the following Normal Operating Range:

Month	Normal Minimum Elevation (ft)	Normal Target Elevation (ft)	Normal Maximum Elevation (ft)
Jan	91	93	98
Feb	91	93	98
Mar	91	93	98
Apr	92	95	98
May	92	98	100
Jun	92	98	100
Jul	92	98	100
Aug	92	98	100
Sep	92	98	100
Oct	92	96	98
Nov	92	95	98
Dec	92	94	98

5. Cedar Cliff Lake – Maintain the following Normal Operating Range:

Month	Normal Minimum Elevation (ft)	Normal Target Elevation (ft)	Normal Maximum Elevation (ft)
Jan	96	98	100
Feb	96	98	100
Mar	96	98	100
Apr	96	98	100
May	96	98	100
Jun	96	98	100
Jul	96	98	100
Aug	96	98	100
Sep	96	98	100
Oct	96	98	100
Nov	96	98	100
Dec	96	98	100

6. Tuckasegee Lake – Maintain lake level as needed to provide minimum flow.

7. Any changes from current operation to begin in 2004.

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D. Minimum Flow and Bypass Flow

1. Main Stem below Cedar Cliff and Tuckasegee

- a. 30 cfs combined minimum flow from December 1 through June 30 (assuming inflow to Tuckasegee Lake is greater than or equal to 20 cfs) and provided by the same means as the existing provision:
 - 1) Continue existing minimum flow at Tuckasegee (20 cfs or inflow, whichever is less).
 - 2) Continue existing min. flow at Cedar Cliff (10 cfs from a valve at the hydro station during non-generation hours only).
- b. 55 cfs combined minimum flow from July 1 through November 30 (assuming inflow to Tuckasegee Lake is greater than or equal to 20 cfs) and provided by:
 - 1) Continue existing minimum flow at Tuckasegee (20 cfs or inflow, whichever is less).
 - 2) Increasing the valve capacity at Cedar Cliff to 35 cfs. When Cedar Cliff is generating, the valve is turned off.

2. Wolf Creek Bypass

- a. 6 cfs from January 1 through December 31, provided by installing a valve or orifice beneath the Tainter gate sill at Wolf Dam.

3. Implement new and additional minimum and bypass flows in 2006, or within 1 year following receipt of FERC approval to modify project facilities, whichever comes last.

E. Angling and Boating Recreation Flows

1. Primary Angling Periods in the Main Stem Tuckasegee River

- a. The first weekend after Labor Day through the last weekend of October and April 1st through the first weekend of June are defined as primary angling periods with actual flows at or below about 500 cfs being preferred (as measured at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro).
- b. During part of this time period, boating release schedules overlap. During this overlap period (the Saturday that occurs nine days before Memorial Day through the first weekend of June and Saturdays in September and October) the Normal Generation Schedule to Support Recreation will be:
 - 1) West Fork Release: Saturday and Sunday one week prior to Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend and 3 of 4 Saturdays in September and October plus Tuesday, Friday Saturday for the period between Memorial Day

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Weekend through the first weekend in June for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.

- 2) East Fork Release: Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend plus Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday for the period between Memorial Day Weekend to the first weekend in June and 1 of 4 Saturdays in September and October for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.

2. Primary Boating periods in the Main Stem Tuckasegee River

- a. Primary boating periods = Period after the first weekend of June through Labor Day, with actual flows at about 800 cfs (as measured at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro) being preferred.
- b. During this time period, the Normal Generation Schedule to Support Recreation for 3 out of 4 weeks will be:
 - 1) West Fork Release: Tuesday, Friday, Sunday for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.
 - 2) East Fork Release: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday plus the Monday of Labor Day Weekend for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.
- c. During this time period, the Normal Generation Schedule to Support Recreation for 1 out of 4 weeks will be:
 - 1) West Fork Release: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.
 - 2) East Fork Release: Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday for 6 hours, timed to arrive at the reactivated USGS gage at Dillsboro at approximately 10:30 AM.
- d. Adjusting for Significant Baseline Flows - DPNA will check the river flow daily at the reactivated Dillsboro USGS Gage #03510500 and by doing so, DPNA can project the expected river flow at the Dillsboro Gage during the next scheduled generation release to support recreation. When projected baseline river flow (i.e. the flow rate at the Dillsboro USGS gage without DPNA making the scheduled generation release to support recreation) is expected to average more than 500 cfs over the period from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM, specific recreation flow releases from the DPNA hydropower stations can be reduced or stopped.
- e. All main stem recreational releases are at or above the best efficiency flow for the applicable hydro units.

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3. **Provided the necessary property rights are held or can be secured by DPNA or AW to allow adequate access, establish recreation flows in the Glenville Bypass using a Tainter Gate at Glenville Dam according to the following schedule:**
 - a. Release water for 6 hours per day for one weekend (Saturday and Sunday) per year in April. Target flowrate will be approximately 250 cfs each day and will begin at 10:00 AM.
 - b. Provide five total afternoon releases per year for 6 hrs each, scheduled on days in the months of May through September. Target flowrate will be approximately 250 cfs each day and will begin at 10:00 AM.
 - c. Target Flowrates - The target flowrates stated above are for flowrates at the put-in point. Actual release amounts from the Tainter gate needs to be large enough that when combined with other tributary and accretion flows, the total is as close as possible to the target flowrates.
4. **Special Events** – Requests for special generation releases that require additional generation hours beyond the total number of hours as noted in Items 1 and 2 above will be handled on a case-by-case basis. To the maximum practical extent, releases will be integrated with the normal release schedule so that additional release hours beyond the normal release schedule are not needed. The requesting organization is required to consult with the Tuckasegee Gorge Association (TGA) President to coordinate their activities as much as possible prior to making a special request to DPNA.
5. **Alterations to the Normal Generation Schedule to Support Recreation** - DPNA will consider requests on a case-by-case basis to temporarily alter the Normal Generation Schedule to Support Recreation as noted in Items 1 and 2 above. Such alteration requests may shift the hours around or reduce the total hours of releases to conserve the available water supply, but will not add additional hours to the normal total number of hours scheduled for the given month. The requesting organization is required to consult with the TGA President to coordinate their activities as much as possible prior to making a request to DPNA.
6. **Annual Recreation Planning Meeting** - each October beginning in 2004, DPNA will convene a meeting of the following parties to discuss recreation flow planning for the next calendar year: NCWRC, NCDWR, USFWS, USFS, AW, TGA, Carolina Canoe Club (CCC), Trout Unlimited (TU) and any other known entities desiring special releases from the East Fork or West Fork projects during the coming year, plus the Friends of Lake Glenville (FLG) and the Glenville Community Development Club (GCDC).
7. **Ongoing DPNA Contact for Recreation Flow Issues** – DPNA will continue to provide an employee, preferably with an office located in the DPNA service area, to serve as a primary point of contact for day-to-day, recreation flow-related issues. The employee will have additional duties, but one of the employee’s priorities will be ensuring continued effective communications with businesses and the general public that use the river sections that have flows affected by DPNA hydro stations.

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8. **Evaluation of First 5 Years** - in October immediately following the first 5 full recreation seasons of operation under the requirements of the new FERC licenses for the East Fork and West Fork Projects, DPNA will convene a meeting of the following parties to discuss any lessons-learned from the previous 5 years of operation and to identify any potential improvements that all the parties can agree upon: NCWRC, NCDWR, USFWS, USFS, AW, TGA, CCC, TU and any other known entities desiring special releases from the East Fork and West Fork Projects, plus the Friends of Lake Glenville (FLG) and the Glenville Community Development Club (GCDC).
9. **Implement the new recreation flow schedule on the main stem of the Tuckasegee River in 2006, with DPNA continuing voluntary recreation flow releases from its hydro stations until then in coordination with the Tuckasegee Gorge Association.**
10. **Implement the recreation flow releases in the Glenville Bypass in 2006, or upon completion of the following, whichever comes last:**
 - a. DPNA verifies that it holds the necessary property rights or it or AW acquires the necessary property rights to allow adequate access to the Glenville Bypass.
 - b. Construction of the parking areas and any portage trails at a suitable put-in point and take-out point are complete.

F. Resource Enhancement Initiatives

Note – these initiatives also encompass other DPNA hydro projects beyond just the areas covered by this stakeholder team.

1. **Dillsboro STEPS (Small Town Enhancement Planning Strategy) Initiative**
 - a. Continue working with the Town of Dillsboro to complete the conceptual plan for their STEPS Initiative by 5/30/03.
 - b. Continue to provide labor support, up to a maximum of 200 total man-hours from June 2003 through December 2004, from DPNA's selected staff members to the Town of Dillsboro to help with implementation of the STEPS Initiative. Support time will typically be provided on a monthly basis.
 - c. Work with the Town of Dillsboro and other partners to develop a brief written history of hydropower in western NC (particularly on the Tuckasegee and Nantahala Rivers). A written summary will be provided to the town by 12/31/04.
 - d. Provide funding to the Town of Dillsboro, up to a maximum DPNA contribution of \$50,000, to support implementation of DPNA-selected elements of the town's STEPS Initiative. Funding will be provided to the town when needed to support the DPNA-selected elements and could come as early as 2004.

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2. Dillsboro Dam Removal & Powerhouse Disposition

- a. File a Dillsboro Project license application with the FERC and the supporting 401 Water Quality Certification application with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) by 7/31/03. Advise both the FERC and the NCDWQ of the potential to surrender the license and request that the NCDWQ not issue a 401 Water Quality Certification and the FERC not issue an order on the license application for the Dillsboro Project until the potential license surrender is resolved.
- b. Work with the USFWS, NCDWR, NCDWQ and the NCWRC to complete the necessary environmental and engineering assessments. In addition to evaluating potential effects on aquatic species, the assessments will consider options for removing the powerhouse, converting the powerhouse to another use (e.g. museum), or simply leaving the powerhouse in as-is condition. DPNA will then use the results of these assessments to make a preliminary determination by 9/1/03 if it believes Dillsboro Dam removal can be done in a safe, environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner and to determine the disposition of the powerhouse.
- c. Assuming the review outlined in Item F.2.b above indicates the dam can be removed safely, cost-effectively and in an environmentally beneficial manner, file a revised 401 Water Quality Certification application with the NCDWQ and file an application with the FERC to surrender the Dillsboro Project license, decommission Dillsboro Powerhouse, remove Dillsboro Dam and pursue the selected disposition path for the powerhouse as follows:
 - 1) On the same day, file both a revised 401 Water Quality Certification application and a request to withdraw the previously filed 401 Water Quality Certification application for the Dillsboro Project with the NCDWQ. The revised application will support dam removal (also removal of the powerhouse if that disposition path is chosen). Both filings will be completed by 6/1/04.
 - 2) File a license surrender application with the FERC by 6/1/04.
 - 3) Assuming NCDWQ approval and FERC approval to surrender the license and remove the dam (and possibly the powerhouse) are received (could be received as early as 6/1/05) and the approvals do not add any significant costs, burdens or risks beyond those contemplated in DPNA's license surrender and revised 401 applications, DPNA will decommission the powerhouse, complete dam removal and complete the selected powerhouse disposition path within 3 years following the final FERC approval order and the closure of all legal challenge periods.
 - 4) Complete any DPNA portion of the post-removal stream remediation and monitoring within 2 years following completion of dam removal.
 - 5) Continue to operate the Dillsboro Project under the terms of the existing license until powerhouse decommissioning occurs.

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- 6) Within 1 year following completion of dam removal and powerhouse decommissioning / disposition (including any necessary stream restoration and the DPNA portion of any post-removal monitoring), DPNA will:
 - a) Provide Local Governments the First Opportunity – Offer to convey interest in all its property associated with the Dillsboro Project, including land and any remaining structurally sound improvements, to the Town of Dillsboro. Allow a one-year window for the town to complete the conveyance. If the town doesn't want the property or is unable to complete the conveyance within the specified timeframe, the same offer will then be extended to Jackson County.
 - b) Free Up the Property if the Local Governments aren't Interested - If neither the Town of Dillsboro nor Jackson County complete the property conveyance within the specified timeframes, then DPNA may do with its property as it sees fit.
- 7) Within 1 year following completion of dam removal and powerhouse decommissioning / disposition (including any necessary stream restoration and the DPNA portion of any post-removal monitoring), DPNA will provide the Town of Dillsboro with a written accounting of the dam removal process, including a summary of the expected benefits.
- 8) Sharing the Benefits of Dam Removal Partnerships - DPNA has established a cost estimate of \$500,000 for the total Dillsboro Dam Removal/Powerhouse Disposition effort (including all steps from the environmental and engineering assessments planned for summer 2003, through completion of any DPNA portion of the post-removal stream remediation and monitoring). DPNA will pursue cost-share funding and in-kind service partnerships with other entities and will track DPNA's actual costs throughout the project. Provided that the Town of Dillsboro is a party to any future settlement agreement involving dam removal, then DPNA will share the benefits of any cost savings it achieves with the town for additional investment in the town's STEPS Initiative. DPNA will contribute an amount equal to DPNA's actual savings (compared to its total \$500,000 expected cost), up to a maximum DPNA contribution of \$100,000, to the town for additional investment in DPNA-selected elements of the town's STEPS Initiative. If the town is not a party to any future settlement agreement, then any DPNA cost savings will be added to the Riparian Habitat Enhancement initiative outlined below. Also, any DPNA cost savings above the \$100,000 contribution to the town of Dillsboro will be added to the Riparian Habitat Enhancement initiative outlined below. (Note: The \$100,000 potential contribution to the Town of Dillsboro is in addition to the \$50,000 contribution identified in Item F.1.d above). All DPNA contributions will be made within 3 years following completion of all DPNA work activities associated with the Dillsboro Dam Removal/Powerhouse Disposition effort.
 - d. If DPNA decides that the dam should not be removed, then:
 - 1) The activities under Item F.2.c. above will not be required.

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- 2) The limitations in this document concerning fish passage and Section 18 mandatory conditioning authority under the Federal Power Act would not apply and the fish passage issue would be re-evaluated by the USFWS, the NCWRC and DPNA on the DPNA hydro projects.
- 3) Any limitations in this document concerning minimum flows in the Nantahala River Bypass, the West Fork Bypass and in the Tamassee Creek Bypass (Bonas Defeat) would not apply. The minimum flow issue in these three locations would be re-evaluated by the NCDWQ, the NCWRC, the USFWS, the NCDWR, the USFS and DPNA and new proposals included in the 401 Water Quality Certification and FERC relicensing processes for the Nantahala Project, East Fork Project and the West Fork Project. The new proposals could include additional or modified minimum flows or other appropriate mitigation.
- 4) DPNA will make any necessary revisions to its 401 Water Quality Certification and FERC license applications.
- 5) Once any revised applications are received, the NCDWQ and the FERC will complete their reviews and issue their official decisions concerning the new licenses.
- 6) By 12/1/05 or within 6 months following the FERC license approval order for the Dillsboro Project, whichever comes last, DPNA will construct a canoe / kayak portage around the dam.
- 7) The DPNA contribution to the Unique Fishery Identification listed in Item F.3 below would not be required.

3. Unique Fishery Identification

- a. Provide support when requested, but not before the final FERC order concerning Dillsboro Project license surrender is received and the closure of all legal challenge periods has occurred, to the USFWS and the NCWRC on studies to determine the range and distribution of the sicklefin redhorse sucker in the Little Tennessee, Hiwassee and Tuckasegee Rivers.
- b. DPNA's contribution may be in the form of a one-time funding contribution, in-kind services or a combination of the two, not to exceed a total cost of \$40,000.

4. Southern Brook Trout Restoration Partnership

- a. Provide support when requested by the NCWRC, the USFWS and the USFS in a project to restore the native strain of brook trout to a selected stream in the vicinity of Tennessee Creek Hydro Station.
- b. DPNA's contribution may be in the form of a one-time funding contribution, in-kind services or a combination of the two, not to exceed a total cost of \$40,000.

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5. Soil & Water Conservation Enhancement

- a. Work with representatives from each county's Soil & Water Conservation District board to obtain each board's prioritized list of initiatives that would either (1) make physical improvements that protect soil or water resources, (2) educate landowners or school children on proper soil or water conservation practices, or (3) improve agency enforcement of existing soil or water conservation-related regulations. All initiatives must support improved soil or water conservation on lands that drain to any of the DPNA hydro reservoirs or the river sections between DNPA hydro reservoirs and reservoirs belonging to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The prioritized initiatives list will be requested from each board by 7/1/05.
- b. Review each board's prioritized list and select initiatives from the list to receive funding support from DPNA.
- c. Contribute \$40,000 per county in Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties toward implementation of the DPNA-selected initiatives.
- d. Contributions will be made between 1 and 15 years following the issuance of the applicable new FERC licenses and the closure of all legal challenge periods.

6. Riparian Habitat Enhancement

- a. Provide DPNA funding to support initiatives within the DPNA service area that would either (1) protect or enhance fish and wildlife habitat directly, or (2) educate landowners or school children about the importance of healthy riparian areas to fish and wildlife habitat and about the related best management practices in riparian areas. All initiatives must support protection or enhancement of fish or wildlife habitat on lands that drain to any of the DPNA hydro reservoirs or the river sections between DNPA hydro reservoirs and reservoirs belonging to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).
- b. Work with other interested stakeholder team members to define the process by 8/1/03 that will be used to prioritize potential initiatives.
- c. Once the prioritized list of initiatives is received (target date is 7/1/05), DPNA will select initiatives from the list to receive DPNA funding support. The total DPNA contribution will be \$200,000.
- d. Contributions will be made between 1 and 15 years following the issuance of the applicable new FERC licenses and the closure of all legal challenge periods.

7. Provide Conservation Land

- a. Purchase a selected tract of land and convey its interest in the land to a governmental entity or a non-profit conservation organization.
- b. If the tract that is currently being considered cannot be obtained at an acceptable cost to DPNA, then a replacement tract(s) of similar conservation value that can be obtained at an acceptable cost to DPNA will be pursued.

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- c. Purchase of the selected tract or replacement tract(s) will be pursued in 2003 and 2004 by DPNA.
- d. Conveyance of DPNA's interest in the property will occur in 2006 or within 1 year following issuance of the new FERC licenses for the East Fork, West Fork and Nantahala Projects and the closure of all legal challenge periods, whichever is longer.
- e. If conservation lands cannot be purchased at an acceptable cost to DPNA, then DPNA will meet with the USFS, USFWS, NCDWR, the NCWRC and other interested parties to any future settlement agreement to consider other mitigation possibilities.

G. Shoreline Management

- 1. Interim Procedures** - Until the new requirements identified in Item G.4 below are implemented, continue enforcing shoreline protection measures for environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. Duke-designated wetlands) and continue limiting cutting of trees within the FERC project boundaries.
- 2. Maps** - Develop shoreline classification maps for each lake on the Tuckasegee River except Dillsboro Pond and Tuckasegee Lake, identifying any unique areas that need protection for environmental, recreational, cultural or operational reasons and provide the associated lake use restrictions.
- 3. Lake & River Clean Up** - Beginning in 2004, work with others to support an annual "Lake Wide Clean Up" on Wolf Lake, Bear Lake, Cedar Cliff Lake and Lake Glenville and an annual "River Clean Up" on the main stem of the Tuckasegee River. DPNA's contribution will be to remove trash during the week following the clean-up from pre-designated disposal sites around these 4 lakes and the river.
- 4. Implement the final version of the lake use restrictions, vegetation management requirements and the shoreline management guidelines on 7/1/03. (See Exhibit A)**
- 5. DPNA will continue reviewing and addressing lake security issues.**

H. Cultural Resources

- 1. HPMP** - Develop a Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) for the West Fork Project to ensure that significant cultural resources within the FERC Project boundary are documented and protected to the extent required by state and tribal historic preservation offices.
- 2. Historic Properties Management Plan to be developed and implemented within 2 years following FERC issuance of the new license and the closure of all legal challenge periods.**

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I. Monetary Values

1. **CPI Adjustment** - The monetary values stated in this document are established in 2004 dollars. As funds are actually utilized in future years, they will be adjusted using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to convert them from 2004 dollars to the appropriate dollar amount for the year in which the funds are actually used.

J. Sediment Management

1. **DPNA will endeavor in good faith to operate its hydro projects in ways that minimize the need to draw the reservoirs down to mechanically remove sediment.**

K. Sharing the Benefits of Other Partnerships

1. DPNA will share the benefits of any additional cost share funding it receives, beyond any cost share funding that is already specifically accounted for herein), to help reduce its costs associated with Recreation Facilities construction (Items A.1 through A.10 above) and also the USGS Gage Reactivation (Item B.3) and Other Recreation Information Improvements activities (Item B.5) identified herein. (Note – the cost share funding received for improving the Wolf Lake access area (Item A.1.a above) was already accounted for and will not be considered for this additional cost share funding activity).
2. Provided all the local government stakeholder team members from Jackson County are parties to any future settlement agreement, DPNA will contribute an amount equal in total to the cost share funding it receives on the activities identified in Item K.1 as follows:
 - a. 50% to the Other Recreation Planning and Facilities Improvements activity (Item A.11 above)
 - b. 30% to the Riparian Habitat Enhancement activity (Item F.6 above)
 - c. 20% to the Soil and Water Conservation Enhancement activity (Item F.5 above)
3. If any of the local government stakeholder team members from Jackson County are not parties to any future settlement agreement, DPNA will contribute an amount equal in total to the cost share funding it receives on the activities identified in Item K.1 as follows:
 - a. 70% to the Riparian Habitat Enhancement activity (Item F.6 above)
 - b. 30% to the Soil and Water Conservation Enhancement activity (Item F.5 above)

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4. DPNA contributions will be made between 1 and 15 years following FERC issuance of the new licenses for the East Fork and West Fork projects and the closure of all legal challenge periods.
5. By 8/1/03, DPNA will also investigate if there are any other potential additional cost savings that it can achieve (e.g. is there a potential for tax credits associated with any of the property conveyances or other activities noted herein). If so, DPNA will determine if it can share some of those savings in a manner similar to that noted in Items K.2 through K.4 above.

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II. The Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Team agrees in consensus to the following for the relicensing process and the terms of the next FERC license periods for the East Fork, West Fork (and Dillsboro if its dam is not removed) project licenses:

A. Support continued operational flexibility for DPNA's East Fork, West Fork (and Dillsboro if its dam is not removed) hydro projects

1. **Flow Prescriptions** – Provided Dillsboro Dam is removed, there will be no requests or support for prescribed flows of any kind (minimum flows, bypass flows, recreation flows, channel maintenance flows, etc.) other than the prescribed flows proposed herein, except for emergency requests to support human health, environmental health, human safety or to avoid property damage.
2. **Lake Level Limitations** – There will be no requests or support for lake level restrictions of any kind other than those identified herein, except for emergency requests to support human health, environmental health, human safety or to avoid property damage.
3. **Operational Restrictions** – There will be no requests or support for other hydro operational restrictions of any kind (e.g. ramping rate limits, peaking power limits, pulsing of hydro units, etc.), except for emergency requests to support human health, environmental health, human safety or to avoid property damage.
4. **Low Inflow Protocol** – Agree to share the burden of low water availability in accordance with the attached Low Inflow Protocol (see Exhibit B).
5. **Hydro Project Maintenance & Emergency Protocol** – Agree to the approach for temporary deviation from certain license conditions to handle specific abnormal situations in accordance with the attached Hydro Project Maintenance & Emergency Protocol (see Exhibit C).

B. Actively participate with DPNA in recreation area construction and/or management.

1. Access Area Operation and Maintenance

- a. NCWRC will enter into a cooperative maintenance agreement with DPNA similar to the existing agreement on other Duke Power lakes (see Exhibit D) for the access areas located on property owned by DPNA at Wolf Lake (1), Tanassee Lake (1), Bear Lake (1), Cedar Cliff Lake (1), Lake Glenville (2), Tuckasegee Lake (1) and the access areas on the mainstem of the Tuckasegee where DPNA holds the public access property rights (up to 6).
- b. AW will enter into a cooperative maintenance agreement for any portage trail providing access to the Glenville Bypass.

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- c. Jackson County Parks Department will operate and maintain any facilities to be located on property the county owns.
- d. USFS will operate and maintain the facilities that are located on land owned by the USFS, plus the portion of the Wolf Creek Bypass Trail that lies on property owned by DPNA.
- e. DPNA will operate and maintain the portage at Dillsboro Dam (if the dam is not removed).

2. Access Area Construction

- a. NCWRC will provide any cost-share funding and construction support as noted herein and will repair / rebuild the facilities that they maintain as needed, including getting any prior approvals from DPNA as may be required by the maintenance agreement.
- b. USFS will repair / rebuild the facilities located on their land plus the entire Wolf Creek Bypass Trail as needed.
- c. Jackson County Parks Department will repair / rebuild any facilities located on property the county owns as needed.
- d. DPNA will repair / rebuild the portage at Dillsboro Dam as needed (if the dam is not removed).

3. Consideration of Additional Public Recreation Facilities in the Future

- a. No additional public recreation facilities associated with the East Fork, West Fork or Dillsboro projects beyond those noted herein will be requested by TCST members or the organizations they represent within the first 15 years of the new FERC licenses.
- b. Established mechanisms for monitoring growth in recreation facility demand (e.g. FERC Form 80, NC State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, USFS recreation use monitoring, etc.) will be utilized as indicators of any potential need for additional facilities or facility expansions in the future.
- c. DPNA may also choose to undertake recreation use and needs studies if it desires to evaluate any future recreation needs that may be directly related to its hydro projects.
- d. After the first 15 years of operation under the new FERC licenses, additional recreation facilities can be requested by TCST members or the organizations they represent. All such requests should be justified by the requester with the necessary supporting data.
- e. If DPNA agrees that additional recreation facilities that are directly related to its hydro projects are needed, it will endeavor in good faith to budget funds and make the necessary improvements. Preference will be given to upgrades of existing facilities that

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require no additional property rights and for which substantial cost-share funds are made available from other sources.

C. Not oppose new FERC license conditions and compliance monitoring requirements and 401 Water Quality Certification conditions that are consistent with this agreement.

1. Compliance Monitoring

- a. All agencies will work cooperatively with DPNA to design adequate compliance monitoring programs that do not cause undue burden to DPNA.

2. FERC Licenses

- a. There will be no requests or support for any FERC license conditions that conflict with the above conditions or that add substantial additional burdens, costs or risks to DPNA beyond the burdens, costs and risks as noted herein.
- b. There will be no requests or support for any FERC license re-openers of any kind beyond those that FERC includes in licenses for hydro projects of this size.
- c. Provided Dillsboro Dam is removed, there will be no Section 18 Mandatory Conditions included in the new licenses for any of the DPNA hydros, beyond those absolutely essential to protect fish resources that are directly affected by operation of a DPNA hydro project. Also, provided Dillsboro Dam is removed, any Section 18 Mandatory Conditions must not conflict with the above conditions and will not add substantial additional burdens, costs or risks to DPNA beyond the burdens, costs and risks as noted herein. If the USFWS determines that any Section 18 Mandatory Conditions should be required, it will impose the least cost alternative that ensures continued protection of fish resources. Also, it is the intent of the USFWS and DPNA to work together prior to the signing of any settlement agreement to identify some portion of the next license periods within which it is not expected that any Section 18 Mandatory Conditions, beyond the standard reservation of that authority, would be necessary or pursued.
- d. There will be no Section 4e Mandatory Conditions beyond those absolutely essential to protect National Forest resources that are directly affected by operation of a DPNA hydro project. Any Section 4e Mandatory Conditions must not conflict with the above conditions and will not add substantial additional burdens, costs or risks to DPNA beyond the burdens, costs and risks as noted herein. If the USFS determines that any Section 4e Mandatory Conditions should be required, it will impose the least cost alternative that ensures continued protection of National Forest resources.

3. 401 Water Quality Certifications

- a. There will be no requests or support from stakeholder team members other than the NCDWQ for any 401 Water Quality Certification conditions that conflict with the above conditions or that add substantial additional burdens, costs or risks to DPNA beyond the burdens, costs and risks as noted herein.

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- b. If the NCDWQ requires 401 Water Quality Certification conditions that conflict with the above conditions or that add substantial additional burdens, costs or risks to DPNA beyond the burdens, costs and risks as noted herein, then the steps outlined in Item D. below will be pursued.
- c. There will be no requests or support for any re-openers of any kind in the 401 Water Quality Certifications for the East Fork and West Fork projects beyond the standard NCDWQ language included in 401 Water Quality Certifications for hydro projects.

4. Statutory Responsibilities of Governmental Agencies

- a. Nothing in this document will prevent any governmental agency from acting as it thinks it must to comply with its mandated statutory responsibilities.
- b. The governmental agencies that are members of the stakeholder team believe they can exercise their statutory duties in a manner that is materially consistent with this document.

D. Agree that the following actions will be taken if any jurisdictional body takes action that is materially inconsistent with any future settlement agreement that is developed based on this document:

- 1. DPNA will make the parties to any future settlement agreement aware of the situation.**
- 2. DPNA will work with the appropriate jurisdictional body to pursue any alternatives which eliminate the inconsistency and that are acceptable to both DPNA and the jurisdictional body.**
- 3. Once a consistent alternative is identified or if the material inconsistency cannot be satisfactorily eliminated, DPNA will:**
 - a. Meet with the parties to any future settlement agreement to explain the situation and discuss any potential needs to revise the settlement agreement requirements to be consistent with the jurisdictional body's actions or to offset the additional burdens, costs or risks placed on DPNA by the jurisdictional body's actions.
 - b. The parties to any future settlement (including DPNA) will endeavor in good faith to cooperatively make timely changes to the settlement agreement that are necessary to meet the jurisdictional body's demands without increasing the overall burdens, costs and risks placed on DPNA.
 - c. Advise the parties to any future settlement of DPNA's planned actions, which may include partial or full withdrawal from the requirements of the settlement agreement if the parties and DPNA cannot agree on any necessary changes to the settlement agreement requirements.

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III. Full Consensus Acknowledgement - The undersigned Primary Members of the Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Team (TCST) acknowledge all of the following:

- A. Participation & Knowledge** - They have participated in the activities of the TCST and have a good understanding of the information contained herein.
- B. Consensus Level** - By signing below, they are indicating that based on their current knowledge level and consideration of their interests and those of the groups they represent, they are in agreement with the entirety of this document, (hereafter called a “consensus agreement”) with agreement being defined as a rating of 1-4 on the 5-point consensus scale identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E).
- C. Opportunity to Register Major Reservations** - That on the appropriate line within the signature block below, they have identified the paragraph, subparagraph and page numbers of any specific element(s) of this agreement that they rated as a “4” on the 5-point consensus scale identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E). Also, they will provide to the Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI) not later than 6/30/03, a 500-word or less statement describing their basic reasons for having Major Reservations with the specific element(s).
- D. Settlement Agreement Development** – By being in agreement with the entirety of this document, their organization is requested to help develop and sign a binding settlement agreement not later than 9/15/03 that will convert this consensus agreement into a binding contract, subject to any changes, addition of details and terms and conditions as may be determined necessary by consensus of the parties signing the settlement agreement.
- E. Good Faith Effort to Sign Settlement** - That based on their current level of knowledge, they do not know of any reason why their organization would not sign the above-mentioned, binding settlement agreement, and that they will endeavor in good faith with the other parties noted below to develop the settlement agreement and acquire the signature of their authorized representative.
- F. No Legal Obligation** - That by signing below, they are not legally obligating their organization to sign any future settlement agreements.
- G. Filing Consensus Agreement** - DPNA will file this consensus agreement and the report information as identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E) with the FERC along with its license applications and with the NCDWQ along with its applications for 401 Water Quality Certifications as necessary for the relicensing process.
- H. Filing Settlement Agreement** - Provided that DPNA signs the future settlement agreement, that DPNA will also file the settlement agreement with the FERC and the NCDWQ for the agencies’ consideration as they process the license and / or license surrender applications and the 401 Water Quality Certification applications for the DPNA hydros. DPNA will also request that the FERC and the NCDWQ act consistently with the applicable terms of the

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- IV. **No Pursuit of Settlement Agreement** - The undersigned Primary Members of the Tuckasegee Cooperative Stakeholder Team (TCST) acknowledge all of the following:
- A. **Participation & Knowledge** - They have participated in the activities of the TCST and have a good understanding of the information contained herein.
 - B. **Consensus Level** - By signing below, they are indicating that based on their current knowledge level and consideration of their interests and those of the groups they represent, they are either (a) in agreement with some, but not all of this document (hereafter called a “consensus agreement”), with agreement being defined as a rating of 1-4 on the 5-point consensus scale identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E), (b) they are not in agreement with any of this document or (c) they are in full agreement with this document, but their organization cannot or will not sign a legally-binding settlement agreement.
 - C. **Provision of Dissention Statements** - That on the appropriate line within the signature block below, they have identified the paragraph, subparagraph and page numbers of any specific element(s) of this agreement that they rated as a “5” on the 5-point consensus scale identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E). Also, they have provided or will provide to the Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI) not later than 6/30/03, a 500-word or less Dissention Statement describing their basic reasons for not being able to live with the specific element(s) that they rated as a “5” or their basic reasons for not signing a binding settlement agreement.
 - D. **No Participation in Settlement Agreement** - By not agreeing with the entirety of this document, their organization will not participate in the development of, or sign a binding settlement agreement.
 - E. **Reconsideration of Consensus or Settlement Position** - That if they should reconsider their decision and agree to this consensus agreement in its entirety and agree to pursue signing a settlement agreement, and provided that the Primary Member and the organization they represent have continuously complied with the behavioral boundaries established by the TCST charter (see Exhibit E), then they may contact DPNA or the NRLI and arrange to amend their signature on this consensus agreement accordingly, but not later than June 30, 2003. In such cases, they will then be able to help develop and potentially sign the settlement agreement with the other parties that agreed with the entirety of this consensus agreement.
 - F. **Favored Provisions May be Modified** - By not pursuing the settlement agreement, favored provisions of primary members and their organizations could potentially be modified without malice in the development of additional detail and other modifications deemed necessary for the creation of the settlement agreement.
 - G. **Filing Consensus Agreement** - DPNA will file this consensus agreement and the report information as identified in the TCST charter (see Exhibit E) with the FERC along with its

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license applications and with the NCDWQ along with its applications for 401 Water Quality Certifications as necessary for the relicensing process.

H. No Obligations For DPNA - That since this consensus agreement does not constitute a legally-binding contract, DPNA is under no obligation whatsoever to request or agree with incorporation of any conditions in its new FERC licenses or the applicable 401 Water Quality Certifications that the undersigned believes may be necessary or otherwise desirable.

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- B. Low Inflow Protocol for the East Fork and West Fork Projects**
- C. Hydro Project Maintenance & Emergency Protocol for the East Fork and West Fork Projects**
- D. Example Access Area Maintenance Agreement between Duke Power and the NCWRC**
- E. TCST Charter**