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Lake Pump Users on Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee Asked to Conserve Water
Limiting Watering to Two Days a Week Recommended

SENECA, SC – Duke Energy is requesting lake residents using lake pumps for irrigation on Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee voluntarily restrict their use to Tuesdays and Saturdays. The call to conserve water was put in place October 1 in response to current drought conditions.

“Despite recent rainfall and cooler temperatures, the region is experiencing drier conditions,” explained Joe Hall, lake services director. “We want to thank residents for supporting water conservation efforts and ask everyone withdrawing irrigation water from Lake Keowee or Lake Jocassee to limit watering to the two designated irrigation days per week,” Hall added.

The request follows the recent announcement from the Keowee-Toxaway Drought Management Advisory Group (KT-DMAG) that the Keowee-Toxaway (KT) River Basin entered Stage 1 of the KT Low Inflow Protocol (LIP). The LIP is a regional drought management plan and outlines specific actions for each stage. Stage 1 is the second of five drought stages.

Stages of the LIP are based on defined triggers, including reservoir storage and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Drought Plan status, the U.S. Drought Monitor and stream flow.

In addition to the voluntary irrigation schedule for neighbors on Lakes Keowee and Jocassee, other large water users in the basin, as a goal, will adjust their practices to reduce their water withdrawals from those reservoirs.

Anyone with questions about the use of lake pumps can contact Duke Energy’s lake services line at 1-800-443-5193.

For more information on lake levels and other related topics, please visit the web at http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes.

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