Modification of Docks to Reach Deeper Water

Dock owners at Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee may be allowed to modify their docks to improve the usability of docks during future extended droughts. Eligibility is based on specific criteria and the program is being offered for a limited time.

Eligible Dock Owners Can Apply for Modifications

The Modification of Docks to Reach Deeper Water Program was negotiated during the relicensing process for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project. The program allows dock owners to proactively make permanent modifications to ensure a dock’s usability when lake levels may be lower, such as during an extended drought. During this special period, eligible lake residents may make permanent dock enhancements that otherwise may not be allowed.

Criteria

- Eligible property owners on Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee can apply for dock modifications to reach deeper water beginning Sept. 1, 2016, and ending on Dec. 31, 2020.

- Property owners may qualify for the dock modifications program if (1) they had an existing Duke Energy-approved boat dock by Dec. 1, 2013; or (2) they received a Duke Energy-approved permit between December 1, 2012, and Dec. 1, 2013, and installed the dock prior to the permit expiring.

- Eligibility is based on requirements outlined in Duke Energy’s 2014 Keowee-Toxaway Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). In addition, an eligible dock must meet all other requirements of the SMP.

- Dock modifications considered under this program must be limited to those that enhance dock usability during droughts. Other modifications may require a separate lake use permit application.

How to Apply

- Dock owners must submit an application and receive written approval before work is performed.

- Applications require the permitting fee and Habitat Enhancement Program payment in place at the time of submittal.

- Violations of the SMP identified as a result of a dock modification to reach deeper water application must be resolved before a decision will be rendered on the application.