

# **DUKE ENERGY COMPREHENSIVE RELICENSING AGREEMENT RECREATION AMENITIES FOR CATAWBA COUNTY**

## **Lake Hickory**

### ***First Five-Year Period\****

Swim area –Duke Energy will construct a swim area on Lake Hickory at Wittenburg Access Area (Alexander County), or if not suitable, at another location on Lake Hickory.

### ***Third Five-Year Period***

Long Shoals Access Area - Duke Energy will provide and manage canoe/kayak access with gravel parking at this currently undeveloped access area. The access area will be available for lease through the Access Area Improvement Initiative (AAII) for passive recreation including picnic sites, trails and restrooms to be developed by the lessee. If leased, all facilities will be managed by the lessee; otherwise, Duke Energy will manage the facilities.

### ***Fourth Five-Year Period***

Oxford Access Area - Duke Energy will market the site for lease and management through the AAII to commercial operators for a multi-use recreation area including a RV campground with bathhouse and dump station, marine pump-out, primitive camping, paved parking, picnic facilities, bank fishing, trails, and restrooms. The access area and the above facilities will be available for lease to and management by others through the AAII. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will maintain all boating access facilities.

Swim area – Duke Energy will construct a second swim area on Lake Hickory.

## **Oxford Regulated River Reach**

### ***Third Five-Year Period***

Oxford Tailrace Fishing Area - Duke Energy will develop and the NCWRC will maintain a public fishing area.

Oxford Dam Canoe Portage - Duke Energy will improve the existing gravel parking and extend the portage trail from the put-in at the Highway 16 Bridge to Riverbend Park in cooperation with Catawba County. Duke Energy will manage the facilities.

## **Lookout Shoals Lake**

### ***First Five-Year Period***

Upper Lookout Shoals Access Area and Trail - Duke Energy will acquire property in Catawba County and develop and manage a 1-5 acre trailered boat access area with parking, restrooms, and primitive camping downstream of the “bend” of the lake. Also, Duke Energy will provide cost-share funding up to \$220,000 to Catawba County to assist the county in its acquisition and development of a 50-foot wide easement for approximately 1.5 miles of walking/hiking trail between Riverbend Park and the new Upper Lookout Shoals Access Area. Catawba County will develop and manage the walking trail.

Lookout Shoals Access Area - Duke Energy will provide and manage restrooms and the NCWRC will maintain the boating access facilities.

## **Lookout Shoals Tailrace**

### ***Third Five-Year Period***

Lookout Shoals Tailrace Fishing Area - Duke Energy will develop and the NCWRC will maintain a public fishing area.

### ***Fourth Five-Year Period***

Lookout Shoals Dam Canoe Portage- Duke Energy will develop and manage a portage trail with canoe/kayak access (take-out, put-in) and signage around Lookout Shoals Dam.

## **Lake Norman**

### ***First Five-Year Period***

Hunsucker Park - Duke Energy will enter into an AAIL lease with the Town of Catawba or another public entity for Duke Energy’s property on the south side of Lyle Creek for expansion of Hunsucker Park. Duke Energy will develop picnic facilities, 0.5 miles of trail, a trailered boat access, and paved or gravel parking on Duke Energy’s property. Duke Energy will also develop an entrance road from Hunsucker Park to the boat access site, provided the Town acquires the necessary easement across private property. Duke Energy will also incorporate its property on the north side of Lyle Creek in the lease provided that the Town’s or other public entity’s operations and management plan for the park is acceptable to Duke Energy.

Mountain Creek Park - Duke Energy will support acquisition of up to 600 acres of property by Catawba County for public recreation and/or compatible permanent conservation at the mouth of Mountain Creek. Duke Energy’s financial support for this acquisition will consist of a reduction in the purchase price of \$1,900 per acre purchased up to \$1,140,000 if the total tract is purchased. The property to be acquired must be under purchase option by December 31, 2007, and the purchase must be complete by August 1, 2009, with an extension allowed until December 31, 2009. Facility development may include a canoe/kayak launch, trails, bank fishing, campgrounds, swimming, and other water-based recreation facilities to be developed and managed by Catawba County. If Catawba County does not acquire the property as contemplated by this agreement, then Duke Energy will

acquire 20-30 acres at this location and develop and manage a canoe/kayak launch, restrooms, fishing pier, swimming beach, and paved parking.

***Third Five-Year Period***

Island Point Access Area – Duke Energy will market this site of approximately 140 acres through the AAI to commercial businesses for development of a multi-use recreation area including, but not limited to trails, bank and/or pier fishing, picnic facilities, swimming, RV camping with bathhouse and dump station, boating access facilities, restrooms and marine pump-out. Duke Energy and Catawba County shall form a small workgroup of parties that represent the public interest at this area to participate in developing the site plan. Conceptual plan development will be coordinated with Catawba County. The lessee will be responsible for all site development and management.

- \* Refers to the number of years after the license is issued to Duke Energy from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It is anticipated that the license will be issued in early 2010.