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Georgia Department of Natural Resources Memorandum**

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GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS

TO: Dan Fisher
TVA Chickamauga-Hiwassee Watershed Team
1101 Market Street, PSC 1E
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

FROM: Barbara Jackson *BA*
Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 5/30/2008

APPLICANT: Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation

PROJECT: Request for approx. 2 acres of TVA property to construct substation site/transmission line right-of-way (located on Chatuge Reservoir, Hiwassee River, Towns County, GA)

STATE ID: GA080502002

The State level review of the above referenced proposal has been completed. This proposal has been found to be consistent with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which the state is concerned. **THIS MEMORANDUM AND ITS ENCLOSURES (IF ANY) MUST BE FORWARDED BY YOU TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING AGENCY.** Be sure to retain a copy for your files. Thank you.

Additional Comments: The applicant/sponsor is advised to note additional comments received from: Georgia DOT's Office of Transportation Planning; DNR's EPD/Flood Plain Management; DNR's Historic Preservation Division.

/bj
Enc.: Georgia Mountains RDC, May 20, 2008
DOT, May 19, 2008
DNR/WPB, May 12, 2008
EPD/Flood Plain Mgt, May 7, 2008
HPD, May 23, 2008

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TO: Barbara Jackson
Georgia State Clearinghouse
270 Washington Street, SW, Eighth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

FROM: MS. PEGGY LOVELL
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS RDC

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation

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TO: Barbara Jackson
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FROM: MS. ANGELA ALEXANDER
GA DOT OFC OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation

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FROM: MS. LINDA MACGREGOR
DNR WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

Mark Beebe for Linda MacGregor
Mark Beebe

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation

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TO: Barbara Jackson
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FROM: MR. COLLIS BROWN
EPD/FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation

PROJECT: Request for approx. 2 acres of TVA property to construct substation site/transmission line right-of-way (located on Chatuge Reservoir, Hiwassee River, Towns County, GA)

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(See attached comments)

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PROJECT: Request for aprox. 2 acres of TVA property to construct substation site/transmission line right-of-way (located on Chatuge Reservoir, Hiawassee River, west of US 76 just south of the City of Hiawassee, Towns County, Georgia)

STATE IDENTIFICATION: GA080502002

Examination of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Towns County and incorporated areas, Georgia (panels #55 C and 65 C, effective July 6, 1998) with information provided by the applicant indicate that the project referenced above encroaches on a federally designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), which is also known as the area of the 1-percent annual chance flood event or 100-year floodplain associated with Chatuge Lake/Hiawassee River.

The following comments are general floodplain concerns. Some comments may not apply to your particular development:

With new or replacement transmission line systems, care should be taken to design these systems in such a way as to eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system.

In areas where lines are to be sited along creeks and/or rivers and within floodplain areas, design considerations should include a minimization of impacts in these areas. Where lines are buried in the floodplain, the land should be restored to its natural contours with minimum grading to reserve storage capacity. At locations where stream crossings are proposed, the lines should be designed to withstand the uplift and velocity forces associated with the 100-year flood event and to avoid obstruction of flow.

The applicant should be aware that if a proposed building site is located within any SFHA, all new construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or non-residential structure must (1) be elevated above the 100-year flood elevation for the proposed site in accordance with the local flood ordinance (contact local officials regarding regulations governing elevation and construction design requirements) or flood-proofed provided that all areas of the structure below base flood elevation are designed to be water tight, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water as certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, (2) be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, (3) be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, (Floodplain Management), direct or indirect federal support of floodplain development should be avoided unless there are no practicable alternatives. If there are no practicable alternatives and development in the floodplain is to be undertaken, the federal agency should document the reasons supporting this finding through the notification procedures outlined in the Executive Order.

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Historic Preservation Division

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Jackson
Georgia State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Budget
270 Washington Street, SW, Eighth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia, 30334

FROM: Elizabeth Shirk *ES*
Environmental Review Coordinator
Historic Preservation Division

RE: Finding of "No Historic Properties Affected"

PROJECT: Construct Substation, US 76, Hiawassee River, Chatuge Reservoir, Parcel 52
Federal Agency: TVA
Applicant: Blue Ridge Mountains Electric Membership Corporation
GA-080502-002

COUNTY: Towns County, Georgia

DATE: May 21, 2008

The Historic Preservation Division has reviewed the information received concerning the above-mentioned project. Our comments are offered to assist federal agencies and project applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Based on the information submitted, HPD believes that no historic properties or archaeological resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this undertaking. Please note that historic and/or archaeological resources may be located within the project's area of potential effect (APE), however, at this time it has been determined that they will not be impacted by the above-referenced project. Furthermore, any changes to this project as proposed will require further review by our office for compliance with the Section 106 process.

If we may be of further assistance contact me at (404) 651-6624 or Michelle Volkema, Environmental Review Specialist at (404) 651-6546. Please refer to the project number assigned above in any future correspondence regarding this project.

ES:mcv

cc: Chip Wright, Georgia Mountains RDC

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