2020 NHA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel
Charlotte, North Carolina

February 25, 2020
Tour of Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Station
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Tour of Facility
Meet in the lobby of the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel. Buses depart at 1:00 PM sharp. We anticipate arriving back at the hotel after the tour by 4:30 PM.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Welcome Networking Reception
Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel
Room: Waterfall

February 26, 2020
NHA Regional Meeting – Ballroom ABC
7:00 – 8:00 AM
Breakfast and Registration
8:00 – 8:10 AM
Opening Remarks and Introduction
Randy Herrin, Duke Energy
8:10 – 8:30 AM
NHA Washington Update
Malcolm Woolf, National Hydropower Association
8:30 – 9:15 AM
Legal Developments
Moderator: Hallie Meushaw, Troutman Sanders
Panelists:
Update on NEPA Requirements – Jim Hancock, Balch & Bingham
New Endangered Species Act – Andrea Wortzel, Troutman Sanders
Early Action – Denise Bunte-Bisnett, Santee Cooper
9:15 – 10:15 AM
Spillway Modification Case Study: Cedar Cliff Dam
Moderator: Mike Manwaring, McMillen Jacobs Associates
Panelists:
Brad Keaton, Duke Energy
Ken Karably, Duke Energy
Max Fowler, FERC
Tim Banta, HDR
10:15 – 10:45 AM  
**Morning Networking Break**

10:45 – 11:15 AM  
**Operational Excellence (OpEx) Update and User Perspective**  
Luciana Ciocci, NHA  
Jim Miller, Signal Hydropower Consultants  
Ray Chow, Duke Energy  
Trevor Turner, Duke Energy

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM  
**Owner / Generator Dialogue / QA**  
**Moderator:** Herbie Johnson, Southern Company  
**Panelists:**  
Ricky Hayes, Oglethorpe Power  
Darren Houghton, Andritz  
Additional Speakers, TBD

12:45 – 1:45 PM  
**Networking Lunch**

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1:45 – 2:30 PM  
**Dissolved Oxygen Upgrades and Technology in the Southeast**  
**Moderator:** Sharon White, Van Ness Feldman  
**Panelists:**  
Laura Perez, Cube Hydro  
Courtenay O’Mara, Southern Company  
Carl Atkinson, Voith

2:30 – 3:30 PM  
**Modernization Programs: Planning Considerations & Lessons Learned**  
Rick Miller, HDR  
David Whitman, Georgia Power  
Randy Herrin, Duke Energy

3:30 – 4:00 PM  
**Afternoon Networking Break**

4:00 – 4:30 PM  
**FERC’s Hydropower Security Program – The New Branch & Beyond**  
Justin F. Smith, FERC

4:30 – 5:30 PM  
**Recreation and Shoreline Management**  
**Moderator:** Amanda Fleming, Kleinschmidt  
**Panelists:**  
*Recent Events Associated with Downstream Recreation at Alabama Power’s Thurlow Dam* – Dave Anderson, Alabama Power Company  
*Catawba River Bypass* – Will Roach, Duke Energy  
*Enforcement of Shoreline Management Guidelines* – Molly McIntosh Jagannathan, Troutman Sanders

5:30 PM  
**Meeting Wrap-up**