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## Duke Energy upgrades Upstate access areas

SALEM — Duke Energy has upgraded amenities at the Fall Creek Access Area and Devils Fork State Park to provide safer access for lake users.

At the Fall Creek Access Area, one of the mostly heavily used boating access areas on Lake Keowee, Duke Energy constructed a new courtesy dock 100 feet long with 20 boat cleats and fender guards. This addition will help boaters launch and load boats. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant walkway was installed from the parking area to the courtesy dock as part of this project.

Duke also enhanced the boat ramps at Devils Fork State Park on Lake Jocassee. Two of the ramps were resurfaced and concrete was replaced in degraded sections of the ramps. One ramp was extended 80 feet, making the ramp 280 feet long to provide access for emergency responders, power plant employees and the public during times of low water conditions. The extension allows boats to be launched safely into the lake when the lake is as low as 32 feet below full pond.

"These upgrades are just part of Duke Energy's commitment to provide safe access for visitors to enjoy the natural resources of Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee," said Travis Sinclair, Duke Energy project manager.

Duke Energy's Carolinas operations include nuclear, coal-fired, natural gas and hydroelectric generation. That diverse fuel mix provides nearly 19,000 net megawatts of electricity to approximately 2.4 million electric customers in a 22,000-square-mile service area of North and South Carolina.