Duke: Residents can apply for dock modifications

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SENECA — Duke Energy announced this week eligible property owners on lakes Keowee and Jocassee have until Dec. 31, 2020, to apply for dock modifications to reach deeper water and ensure usability during periods of low lake levels.

There will be no fees to apply for the duration of 2017. Applications submitted this year or in 2018 and beyond will require the permitting fee and Habitat Enhancement Program payment.

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

Qualifying dock owners can add up to 200 square feet to the current maximum size limit for boat docks and reconfigure their dock.

The program differs from the "Follow the Water" program, which allows a dock owner to temporarily move a dock during periods of drought.

"During this special period, eligible lake residents may make permanent dock modifications that otherwise may not be allowed," said Jen Huff, Duke Energy lake services director. "We recognize residents' concerns about lake access when lake levels are low and encourage them to consider this opportunity for a solution."

For more information, contact Duke Energy Lake Services at (800) 443-5193 or LakeServices@duke-energy.com. Applications are available at duke-energy.com/lakes/LakeServicesApplications.asp.