Duke holds open house today

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SENECA — Duke Energy and other hydro relicensing stakeholders will hold an open house today to discuss a recently completed agreement in principle related to future operations for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project.

The open house is set from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Clemson University's Madren Center. The non-binding agreement among stakeholders outlines proposed hydroelectric operations, lake level management, recreational amenities, regional drought response and other considerations for the next 30 to 50 years.

More than 40 stakeholders representing 22 organizations, agencies and community groups have been working since 2009 to study hydro operations and natural resources in the project.

Duke Energy's federal license for the Keowee-Toxaway Hydroelectric Project includes Keowee Hydroelectric Station, Lake Keowee, Jocassee Pumped Storage Station and Lake Jocassee.