Oconee seeks input on pact with Duke

Public invited to submit comments related to Memorandum of Understanding

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WALHALLA — The Oconee County Planning Commission wants to get the public's input on what the parameters for a Memorandum of Understanding with Duke Energy should be.

Planners said Tuesday the public is invited to submit comments related to the scope of the proposed MOU with Duke.

Comments received by the Planning Department staff within the next 30 days will be provided to the Planning Commission for their review prior to development of the draft document.

Planning Department Director Art Holbrooks said at Monday night's Commission meeting that staff would be available Nov. 29 in the Council Chambers from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to answer questions related to the proposed MOU.

Written comments may be mailed to the Planning Department, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, S.C. 29691 or posted online at www.oconeesc.com/planning on a link in the department's Web page.

Holbrooks said the purpose of the MOU is to clarify and coordinate responsibilities between Duke and the county.

Duke has shoreline management jurisdiction over lakes Keowee and Jocassee.

Holbrooks told the County Council's Planning and Economic Development Committee last week that County Attorney Tom Martin would have a hand in drafting the MOU.

Planners expect to have the first draft of an agreement with Duke by early next year.

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