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Construction equipment sits along Keowee School Road in Seneca. Existing electrical conduit along McMahon Bridge will be replaced with new runs, buried 15 feet under Lake Keowee.

Work continues on Duke Energy project

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SENECA — Duke Energy's project along Keowee School Road to relocate some of its lines under Lake Keowee is expected to continue through the summer.

Duke officials recently provided an update on the project taking place on both sides of the bridge on S.C. Highway 188 at Cane Creek.

"This continues to be an important project that is a strategic improvement to increase reliability, support the growth of the commu-

nity and make our energy infrastructure more resilient against power outages around Lake Keowee," spokeswoman Mikayla Kreuzberger said in an email. "Like many construction projects, we had some issues. Work resumed in mid-May and will continue to move forward.

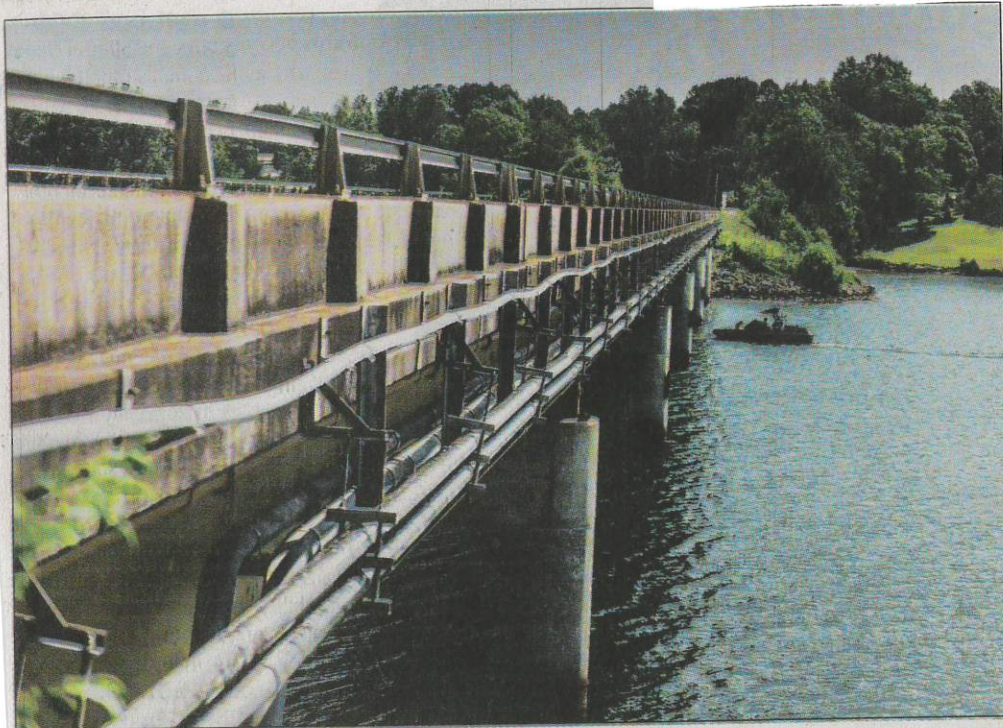
"We continue to maintain regular communication with local HOA groups and customers who have questions."

The pistol hole boring under the lake was completed on June 12, Kreuzberger

said, and allows the use of a larger drill rig to bore the final hole that began June 16.

The Duke Energy project requires nine runs of conduit, roughly 2,200 feet long, being located under Lake Keowee via directional boring, according to the engineering firm charged with tackling the relocation. The lines will be a minimum of 15 feet below the lake bed, all ground disturbance will occur outside the Federal Energy Regulatory Commis-

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Conduit is seen attached to the side of McMahan Bridge as it crosses Cane Creek along Keowee School Road in Seneca.

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sion (FERC) boundaries and the plan accounts for stormwater pollution prevention as well.

The project schedule was originally slated to run last year from July through August and as a precursor to the S.C. Department of Transportation to rehabilitate the

bridge in coming years.

Work was originally budgeted at \$2.6 million, but has increased to \$3 million, according to Duke officials.

OTHER WORK AHEAD

Poles and overhead lines near the bridge have been replaced although more overhead work will continue in the area

when boring is completed, Kreuzberger said.

“New poles and lines will also be installed between the bridge area and the four-way intersection at Keowee School Road and Ebenezer Road — that work will continue through the summer months,” she said.

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