

# *Residential marina receives stamp of approval*

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SENECA — A residential marina in a neighborhood off U.S. Highway 123 has been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Duke Energy, which owns Lake Keowee, submitted the request on May 11 on behalf of Kensington Estates at Keowee, a 32-lot housing development at the end of North Debra Street.

The proposed residential marina consists of "two cluster docks with 19 boat docking locations" for residents of Kensington Estates,

according to the application.

Each 48 feet wide and 110 feet long, the structures will be floating docks made of wood or composite materials with fully encapsulated flotation.

Kensington Estates agreed as a condition of approval to leave the shoreline in its natural state, use silt fences to protect against sedimentation during construction and use best management practices to disturb the environment as little as possible.

That stretch of shoreline is already designated as Future Residential Marina

under the lake's Shoreline Management Plan, and Duke Energy said in the application the docks "would not affect recreational boating or navigation."

Kensington Estates consulted with the appropriate federal agencies beforehand and none had objections to the project, and S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control issued a permit to cover the proposed marina.

FERC gave the required month-long public comment period and got no responses.

FERC approved the project on June 27, with

three modifications: Duke Energy must make sure the new docks don't "endanger health, create a nuisance or otherwise be incompatible with ... recreational use," take precautions during construction, operation and maintenance to protect environmental values of the project, and ensure the docks and construction don't "unduly restrict public access to project lands and waters."

Duke Energy has to provide a construction completion report to FERC within two years from the approval or file for an extension.