

Statesville Agrees to Reduce Water Usage During Drought

Statesville was one of 70 utilities reacting to Duke Energy's recent declaration of a Stage 2 drought for the Catawba River, which requires water systems to reduce withdrawal from the river.

Although Statesville's water supply is considered ample, City officials will comply with Duke's request by reducing the City's water withdrawal from the Catawba River by 14 percent. Initially, the City plans to do this two ways: First, by asking customers to voluntarily limit their water consumption; and next by utilizing its 48-million raw water reservoir and the South Yadkin River as needed.

"The Catawba River should see an immediate benefit from this action,"

said Joe Hudson, Statesville water resources director.

Up until 2006, Statesville's only water source was the South Yadkin River. The state gave Statesville a permit to withdraw up to 15 million gallons a day from the Catawba River in 1998. A water intake pump station was constructed on Lookout Shoals Lake and a 13-mile pipeline installed to service the City of Statesville water customers.

Currently, Statesville gets water from the Catawba River and is permitted for seven million gallons a day from the South Yadkin River. Statesville's current demand is five million gallons a day, less than 30 percent of the 15 million gallon a day limit allocated by the state.

About twice a month, Statesville switches its operations to withdraw water from the South Yadkin River.

"We are very fortunate to have two water sources," said Hudson. "We kept the South Yadkin River intake on line for situations just like this," he explained, referring to the Catawba River's severe drought status.

"While we have plenty of water and are not seeing an increase in our demand, Statesville must also honor the drought declaration issued by Duke Energy," explained Rob Hites, Statesville City Manager.

Duke Energy manages the Catawba River and uses a Low Inflow

Protocol water management system to determine water restrictions. Statesville will officially join the Catawba Water Management Group, made up of 160 stakeholders affected by Duke Energy's licensing process, in 2008.

"We are asking citizens not to waste water and to be very conscious of the amounts of water they are using to irrigate lawns and gardens," said Hudson. "Citizens can make a difference by just doing a few simple things."

These simple things include:

- Inspect and repair all faulty and defective parts of faucets and toilets.

- Use shower for bathing rather than bathtub and limit shower to no more than five minutes.
- Do not leave faucets running while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth.
- Limit use of clothes washers and dishwashers and when used, operate fully loaded.
- Limit lawn watering to that necessary for plant survival.
- Water shrubbery the minimum required, reusing household water when possible.
- Limit vehicle washing.
- Do not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, etc.
- Install water flow restrictions in showerheads and other water saving devices.



Lee Ann Sherrill/CITIZEN

BETH AND CHARLIE NANCE, arena managers for the recent Kick Up Your Heels for Hospice at Love Valley, present a check for \$4,500 raised during the event to Patrice Reynolds of Hospice and Palliative care of Iredell County. The rodeo drew 1,400 rodeo fans. Hospice will use the funds for patient care.

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2007 Annual Meeting

Members of EnergyUnited EMC are Invited to Attend
Saturday, September 15, 2007 7:30 a.m. to noon
Davie County High School, Mocksville, North Carolina

The Annual Meeting is only for members of EnergyUnited EMC. All events are free. Please bring your Registration Card from the September issue of Carolina Country with you to the meeting.

Here's what will be happening

7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. / Free health screening

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. / Registration. Each member receives \$5 for registering and a chance to win a gas grill, DVD player, and other prizes.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. / Customer Demonstration

8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. / EnergyUnited employees will provide information about products and services such as home generators, propane service, surge protection, energy conservation, and NC Greenpower.

There will be a variety of activities for the whole family at the 2007 Annual Meeting, including face painting, clowns and balloon art, and an obstacle course for the kids.

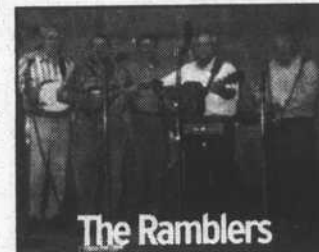
9:00 a.m. / Entertainment by The Ramblers

9:40 a.m. / Entertainment by The Flowers Family

11:00 a.m. / Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. / Drawings for door prizes

Noon / Bag lunch from Chick-fil-A

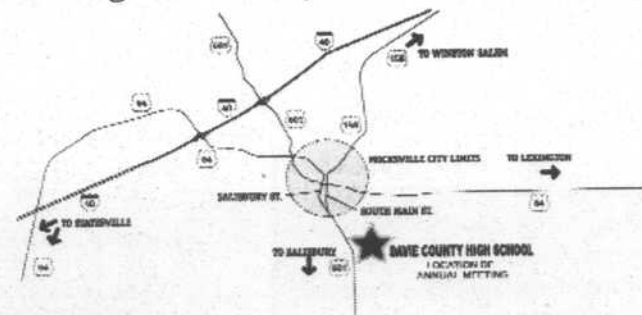


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