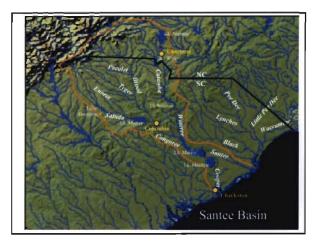
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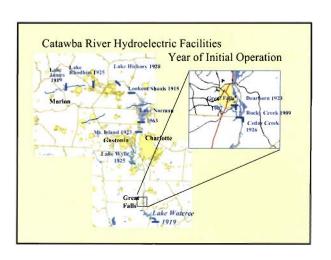
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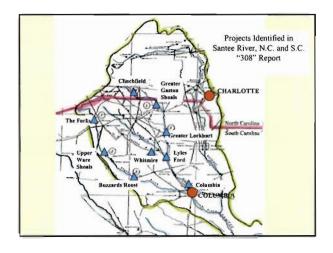
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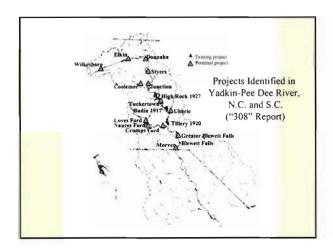




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#### Recommended Projects

- · Dual purpose power and flood control
  - Wilkesboro (built by Corps 1958)
- Power developments
  - Styers
  - Tuckertown (built by private)
  - Morven
  - Greater Blewett Falls
  - Junction
  - Crump's Ford
  - Upper Donnaha

#### Water Resources Planning Act of 1965

- · Creation of the Water Resources Council
- Development of Principles and Standards (P&S)
- · Establishment of river basin commissions
- · Grants to states for water resources planning
- 1981 Water Resources Council zeroed out of budget
- 1983 P&S changed to Principles and Guidelines

#### Principles and Guidelines

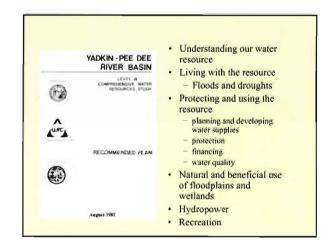
- · Six-step planning process
- Identification of what benefits and what costs should be included
- · Accounts for plan evaluation
  - National economic development
  - Environmental Quality
  - Social well-being
- · Procedures for estimating benefits and costs

#### River Basin Commissions authorized 1967-1972 under authority of Water Resources Planning Act of 1965

- 1. Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission
- 2. Great Lakes Basin Commission
- Souris-Red-Rainy Basins Commission became part of Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission
- New England River Basins Commission
- 5. Ohio River Basin Commission
- 6. Missouri River Basin Commission

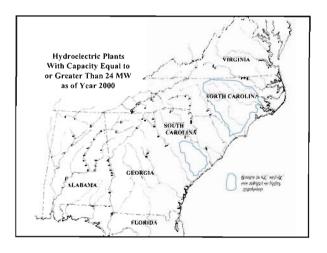
#### Responsibilities of RBC's

- coordinate Federal, State, interstate, local and nongovernmental plans for the development of water and related land resources in its area
- prepare and keep up to date ... a comprehensive, coordinated, joint plan for Federal, State, interstate, local and nongovernmental development of water and related resources
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#### River Basins of Five Southeastern States

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# project must be adapted to a comprehensive plan for the waterway, accounting for:

- · benefits to interstate or foreign commerce;
- utilization of the site's hydroelectric potential;
- adequate protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife; and
- other beneficial public uses, including energy conservation, irrigation, flood control, water supply, recreational opportunities, and other aspects of environmental quality.

#### FERC criteria for comprehensive plan

- be prepared by a federal or state agency authorized to conduct such planning;
- be a comprehensive study of one or more of the beneficial uses of a waterway or waterways;
- include a description of the standards, data, and methodologies used

#### Options for NC-SC

- 1. Continue to let FERC relicensing control process using state and bi-state input
- Cooperative basinwide planning with state-federal implementation under other authorities, using bi-state plan as one input
- 3. Formation of Interstate Compact
- 4. Options 2 and 3 still subject to FERC