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Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Saluda Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 516 - SC
Notice of Intent to Relicense

Dear Secretary Salas:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), in accordance with the requirements of § 16.6(b) of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 C.F.R. §16.6(b) (2004), hereby files an original and fourteen copies of its Notice of Intent (NOI) to Relicense the Saluda Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 516.

As provided by § 5.3(a)(1) of the regulations, 18 C.F.R. §. 5.3(a)(1), by filing its NOI prior to July 23, 2005, SCE&G has the option of selecting a relicensing process in securing a new operating license for Project 516. Therefore, SCE&G has selected and will seek to relicense Saluda Hydro under the Three Stage Traditional Process (TLP). Further, SCE&G intends the proceeding to be a very open process with encouraged stakeholder participation and involvement and intends to implement measures that will result in an Enhanced TLP.

As part of its NOI, SCE&G is required to provide additional information which is contained below. In addition, SCE&G is required by § 16.7 of the regulations, (18 CFR § 16.7), to make available to the public certain information relating to the project. Due to the extensive amount of information generated during the ongoing remediation of the project's dam and considering the extensive geographic area encompassed by the project, SCE&G has created an information index available to the public. Compiling the existing information into one location would be extremely costly and time consuming, with limited value. It is estimated that this effort would take over a year and require the fulltime services of multiple employees to complete this endeavor. This is certainly resource excessive. Further this approach is compatible with the Commission's theme of utilizing Information Technology (internet, electronic document transfer, etc) and the progressive movement to electronic filings/document transfer.

SCE&G understands the intent of this regulation and believes a public index file will equally satisfy the intent of the requirement without being overly resource intensive. This index, as described in Attachment A is filed with the FERC (available on the FERC's E-library), and also

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made available on SCE&G's relicensing website and at its corporate office in Columbia, South Carolina. Members of the public may request via telephone or email, a hard copy of the document. SC&EG will retrieve, reproduce and mail the document to the requestor, per the protocol described in Attachment A. The index can be found can be accessed by visiting the SCE&G relicense website at <http://www.SaludaHydroRelicense.com>.

Copies of the Notice of Intent are also being sent to all the parties listed in the Notice, as well as the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Commission's Atlanta Regional Office.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELICENSE
SALUDA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
FERC PROJECT NUMBER 516**

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina, and having its executive offices and principal place of business at 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, as the bearer of the existing license, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.6 (b) of Chapter 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, hereby unequivocally declares its intent to apply for relicense of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 516.

In further accordance with Section 16.6 (b), the following information is provided:

1. The licensee's name and address are:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Columbia, South Carolina 29218

The names and addresses of those persons authorized to receive notices and communications regarding this notice are:

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2. The FERC project number is 516.
3. The date of expiration of the existing license is August 31, 2010.
4. The unequivocal statement of the licensee's intent to file an application for new license is included in the initial statement above.
5. The types of principal project works licensed include:
 - A. A 7,800-foot-long earth-fill dam.
 - B. A reservoir (Lake Murray) with a full-pool surface area of about 48,400 acres.
 - C. Five concrete and steel intake towers with associated penstocks.
 - D. A 305-foot long concrete spillway structure containing 6 radial gates.
 - E. A 327-foot long concrete, brick and steel powerhouse with 5 generating units.
 - F. Appurtenant facilities.
6. The application is for a power license/
7. The location of the project is in the State of South Carolina; Lexington, Richland, Newberry, and Saluda Counties; and on the Saluda River, downstream of FERC Project No. 1267, and about 11 miles upstream of the confluence of the Saluda and Broad Rivers. Nearby cities include Newberry Chapin, Saluda, Lexington, Irmo, Columbia, West Columbia, and Cayce, South Carolina.
8. The rated plant capacity is 207,300 kW (three 32,500 kW units, one 42,300 kW unit, and one 67,500 kW unit).
9. Information required to be made available to the public according to the provisions of §16.7 of Chapter 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, per the protocols outlined in Attachment A.
10. The names and mailing addresses of every county in which any part of the project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used by the project is located; every city, town, Indian tribe, or other political subdivision in which any part of the project is located and any Federal facility that is used by the project is located, or that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the project dam; and every irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the project is located and any Federal facility that is used by the project; and every other political subdivision in the general area of the project that there is reason to believe would be likely to be interested in or affected by the notification are as follows:

Mr. William A. Brooks
Lexington County Administrator
Lexington County, South Carolina
212 South Lake Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

Mr. Leonard B. Sossamon
Newberry County Administrator
Newberry County, South Carolina
1309 College Street
P.O. Box 156
Newberry, SC 29108

Mr. T. Cary McSwain, County Administrator
Richland County, South Carolina
2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Ms. Sandra Padget, Director
Saluda County, South Carolina
700 W. Highland Street
Saluda, SC 29138

The Honorable James E. Wiszowaty, Mayor
Town of Batesburg-Leesville
244 West Columbia Avenue
P.O. Box 2329
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070-2329

The Honorable Avery B. Wilkerson, Mayor
City of Cayce
1800 12th Street Ext.
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Cayce, SC 29171-2004

The Honorable Robert D. Coble, Mayor
City of Columbia
1737 Main Street
P.O. Box 147
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Mr. Mark Williams, City Administrator
City of Forest Acres
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The Honorable John L. Gibbons, Mayor
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7300 Woodrow Street
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The Honorable T. Randall Halfacre, Mayor
Town of Lexington
111 Maiden Lane
P.O. Box 397
Lexington, SC 29072

The Honorable T. Edward Kyzer, Mayor
City of Newberry
1330 College Street
P.O. Box 538
Newberry, 29108-0538

The Honorable Amelia Herlong, Mayor
Town of Saluda
100 South Jefferson Street
Saluda, SC 29138-1633

The Honorable Bobby Horton, Mayor
City of West Columbia
200 N. 12th Street
P.O. Box 4044
West Columbia, SC 29169

Ms. Martha Bogle, Superintendent
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Congaree Swamp National Monument
100 National Park Road
Hopkins, SC 29061

Attachment A
Description of the Public Information File

What is the PIF?

As part of the relicensing process Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations require that South Carolina Electric and Gas maintain a Public Information File for the Project for which it is seeking a license for continued operation. The PIF contains a collection of documents in the public record pertaining to Saluda Hydro. The collection includes documents generated prior to the current relicensing effort (before January 1, 2005). All documents included in the PIF were catalogued into a database to facilitate timely fulfillment of information requests.

How does some one view the PIF?

As part steps to facilitate dissemination of information exchange during regimenting and in keeping with the FERC's initiative of continued movements in electronic filing, SCE&G has developed a relicensing website (www.SaludaHydroRelicense.com). The website has been active since late 2004 and continues to be a tried and proven means for effectively exchanging information relative to pre-relicensing studies and stakeholder workshops. PIF lists have been posted to the website in Adobe Acrobat Format which allows people to view and print the lists or download the lists to a personal computer for offline viewing and printing. A link to obtain a free copy of Abode Acrobat Reader software is supplied on the website for those individuals requiring this software.

How does someone request documents from the PIF?

Stakeholders can request a copy of any document listed in the PIF by written mail, electronic mail or telephone. A single copy of a document up to 10 pages in length is free of charge. Documents in excess of 10 pages or multiple copies of a document are charged at a rate of \$0.10/page. Requests for copies are usually processed within 2 weeks. To assist individuals with document requests, a PIF document request form has been placed on the relicensing website. Payment for document requests should be remitted by cash or check to South Carolina Electric and Gas in full prior to the document being copied and distributed. Questions regarding the public information file and payment of documents should be directed to Mr. William Argentieri at (803) 217-9162.

Public Information File Document Request Form

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Date received _____
 Cost _____
Date requestor notified _____

Please send all requests to:

Mr. William Argentieri, P.E.
 Relicensing Coordinator
 South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
 111 Research Drive
 Columbia, SC 29203
 (Office) 803-217-9162

Or via email at:
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