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Saluda Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 516-459
Response to Clarification for Additional Information

Dear Secretary Bose:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), Licensee of the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 516-459), hereby files an electronic copy of our response to Mr. Mark Pawlowski's letter dated June 11, 2009 requesting clarification for additional information requested on November 24, 2008 and responded to by SCE&G on February 24, 2009 in support of our Final License Application.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact Mr. William Argentieri at (803) 217-9162 or by email at bargentieri@scana.com.

Very truly yours,

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CLARIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST
ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008

SALUDA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
FERC PROJECT No. 516

1. Settlement Agreement or Licensee Proposal

FERC Request – “You indicate in your response to our AIR that you are still negotiating with respective stakeholders, consulted agencies, and Indian tribes regarding 13 items we requested in our AIR. You state that you could provide a complete response to those 13 items by July 31, 2009, which is when you expect to file a Settlement Agreement for the project. You should file complete responses to the 13 items included in our AIR with the Commission on or before July 31, 2009, regardless of whether you file a settlement agreement by that date.”

SCE&G Response: The Saluda Hydroelectric Project Final Relicensing Settlement Agreement or Licensee Proposal will be filed under separate cover letter by July 31, 2009. In addition to the final Comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement (CRSA), the filing will include the following:

- Proposed License Articles;
- All correspondence, reports, meeting minutes and back-up documentation associated with the Resource Conservation Groups, Technical Working Committees and CRSA discussions held from the Final License Application filing date (August 27, 2008) to the present; and
- Revised Exhibit D which includes estimated costs associated with all of the protection, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in the final CRSA.

2. Permitted Effluent Releases

FERC Request – “First, you identified in your response to our AIR that there are three entities releasing effluents into the lower Saluda River within the project boundary that are permitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Please provide the name of each entity discharging to the river, the permitted amount of effluent discharged for each, and the location of each discharge point.”

SCE&G Response: As we were gathering the information to respond to your request, we found on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) website that there are actually nine facilities that discharge into the lower Saluda River. The three facilities that discharge into the lower Saluda River identified in the November 24, 2009 Additional Information Request (AIR) response were those for which SCE&G had sold property or filed an application with the Commission for non-project use of project lands and waters. There are six additional facilities which discharge into the lower Saluda River and are permitted by SCDHEC under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The first three utilities listed below are those referred to in our final license application and original response to the November 24, 2008 AIR. SCE&G sold property to J. D. Dial in 1965 that was used for the Woodland Utilities facilities; SCE&G sold property to Baker and Baker in 1965 that was used for the Bush River Utilities facilities; and an application for non-project use of project lands and waters was filed on September 23, 1980 by SCE&G and approved by FERC on January 14,

1981 for Carolina Water Service, Inc. (1.20 MGD discharge). The complete list of nine facilities which hold permits to discharge into the lower Saluda River, their permit numbers, DHEC classification, and permitted amount of effluent discharge are as follows:

1. Woodland Utilities (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0029475 - Domestic) - 0.29 Million Gallons per Day (MGD)
2. Bush River Utilities (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0032743 - Domestic, to be eliminated per SCDHEC) – 0.40 MGD
3. Carolina Water Service, Inc. (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0036137 - Domestic) – 1.20 MGD
4. Carolina Water Service, Inc. (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0035564 - Domestic) – 0.80 MGD
5. SCE&G/McMeekin Steam Station (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0002046 - Industrial) – Flow Monitor & Report (M/R)
6. SCE&G/Saluda Hydro Station (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0002071 - Industrial) – Flow M/R
7. Honeywell Nylon/Columbia Site (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0003557 - Industrial) – Flow M/R
8. BC Components, Inc. (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0003425 - Industrial, listed as inactivated June 2004 per SCDHEC) – Flow M/R
9. Riverbanks Zoological Park (SCDHEC Permit Number SC0037613 - Industrial) – Flow M/R

The location of each of the nine facilities that discharge into the lower Saluda River is shown on the SCDHEC Lower Saluda River Watershed Map (Appendix A)

3. Recreation Site

FERC Request – “Second, you provide maps that give a general location of the existing and proposed recreation sites. However, it is unclear if all the features of the recreation sites are located within the existing project boundary. Please clarify if, with the exception of the Mill Race sites, all features of: (a) the existing recreation sites to be maintained or improved (existing recreation sites); (b) the unimproved sites where facilities or amenities are proposed (existing future recreation sites); and (c) the proposed future recreation sites to accommodate future recreation use of the project (proposed future recreation sites) would be located within the existing project boundary. If a recreation site would be partially inside and partially outside the existing project boundary, please describe which features of the site would be within the project boundary and which features would be outside the project boundary.”

SCE&G Response: All of the features of the existing, existing future and proposed future recreation sites are already or will be within the Project boundary, except at Saluda Shoals Park (Park Site 9). Facilities at Saluda Shoals Park, which is owned and operated by Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, are both inside and outside of the Project boundary as shown on Map

14 of the Recreation Plan Appendix F. At some of the recreation sites we are proposing to either add land already in the Project boundary or add land that is currently outside of the Project boundary. It is our intention to bring those additional lands currently outside of the Project boundary into the Project boundary if the Recreation Plan is approved by the Commission. The exact location of each feature has not been detailed at this time, however, if an improvement to a recreation site is planned for land that is currently outside of the Project boundary and the Commission does not approve the proposal to incorporate this land into the Project boundary those proposed improvements will only be placed within the Project boundary.

4. Lake Murray Accessibility Survey

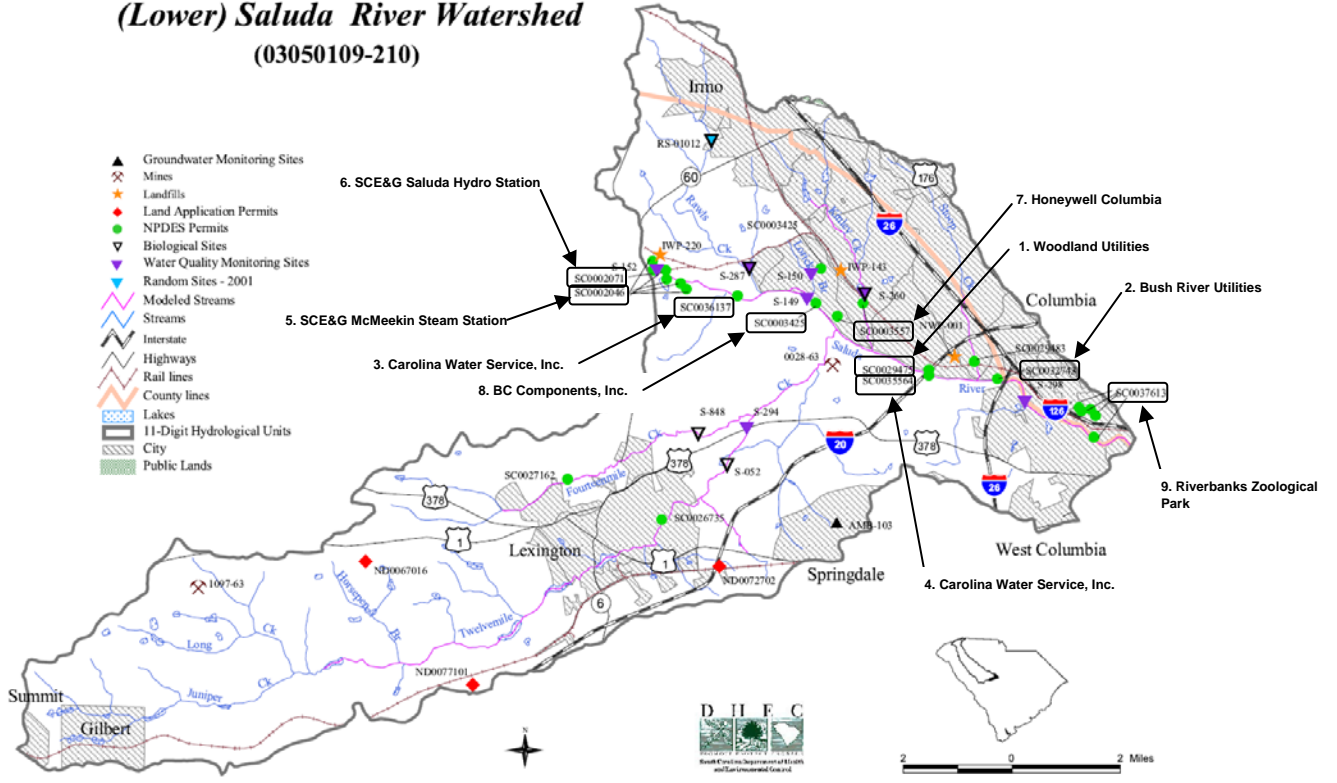
FERC Request – “Finally, we request that you submit a copy of the Lake Murray Accessibility Survey that analyzes the accessibility of docks on Lake Murray at various lake levels. The survey, which was performed by Montgomery Watson Harza, was mentioned at the scoping meetings held on April 8, 2009, in Columbia, South Carolina. While you provide a brief discussion based on this report in your filing of February 24, 2009, we need the original document to analyze the effect of different proposed flow triggers that are contained in the low inflow protocol.”

SCE&G Response: This document was filed with the Commission on July 17, 2002 as the Saluda Dam Remediation Project Environmental Report. It should be noted that this report was prepared by Mead & Hunt. It can be found at Accession Numbers 20020719-0246 and 20030622-0369 through 0374 on the FERC elibrary under Project P-516.

APPENDIX A

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