

**MEETING NOTES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY  
SALUDA HYDRO PROJECT RELICENSING  
GENERATION REVIEW TWC**

**Saluda Shoals Park  
April 6, 2006**

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**ATTENDEES:**

Alan Stuart, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Alison Guth, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Bill Argentieri, SCE&G  
Bill Marshall, DNR, LSSRAC  
Michael Waddell, TU  
Patrick Moore, SCCCL, Am. Rivers  
Steve Bell, Lake Watch

Theresa Thom, Congaree National Park  
Jennifer O'Rourke, SC Wildlife Federation  
Bill Cutler, Lake Watch, LM Homeowners  
Coalition

DATE: April 6, 2006

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*These notes serve as a summary of the major points presented during the meeting and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.*

**HOMEWORK**

Provide response to list of questions from TWC participants  
*Bill Argentieri*

**DISCUSSION**

After the April 6<sup>th</sup> Combined Safety and Recreation meeting, the TWC members began the technical meeting. Bill Argentieri opened the meeting by asking what info the group felt that it needed and he would check to see if that information was available. Patrick Moore noted that he would like to see information on the operation of Saluda from a wet year, a dry year, and a normal year. He also noted that it would be beneficial to obtain operations information from a normal, wet, and dry year from the time in which Saluda was used for peaking.

Steve Bell asked if weekly generation reports were available for all plants on SCE&G's system. Bill Argentieri replied that they were available for Saluda because they are being sent out as part of the settlement agreement. Steve further explained that they would like to see reports from the entire system in order to see if Saluda was run for reserve or for some other reason. Patrick further noted that he would like to see if Saluda truly was the last option for reserve. Mike Waddell explained that it was his interest to expand the range of options and to better grasp how the system operates.

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The group began discussing what date ranges of information was needed. Mike Waddell suggested that the group begin by looking at information from January of 2005 to the following January, with the understanding that there may be more questions once the group is able to look at the information. Bill Argentieri explained that the generation reports alone would not explain why other plants were or were not operated. The group began to go over options for deciphering why a particular plant was run. Mike Waddell suggested looking at Broad River flows in order to see how many times it was flowing over 40,000 cfs.

Steve Bell noted that his goal for the committee would be to have a specific report that was part of the record and that other groups could refer to. The group also requested a round table discussion with Lee Xanthakos to discuss in more detail how he uses Saluda as well as the other facilities.

Bill Marshall mentioned that he also would be interested in learning different scenarios for the use of Saluda and Fairfield and asked if that would be a part of what was brought to the table in an alternatives analysis. Bill Argentieri replied that it was not a part of the alternative analysis which would look at the alternatives for replacing Saluda all together.

The group continued to discuss the uses of Saluda and Fairfield. Patrick Moore requested to see information on rate ranges for the purchase of power. Alan noted that this information could not be disseminated in the presence of Lee Xanthakos according to FERC guidelines.

Steve Bell noted that he would also like to see information on the drawdowns for hurricane season. He continued to explain that he would be interested to see what time of day or month SCE&G began to take the lake down, and to what level. Steve also asked what was done if there was an emergency downstream where someone's life was at risk, and if they could stop generation in that case. Bill Argentieri replied that they have received a call of that nature before and the generation was shut down.

After more brief discussion on the use of Saluda the group compiled a list of requested information. Bill noted that he would meet with Lee Xanthakos in order to compile the answers to these questions.

List of Requested Information:

- Weekly generation reports for all plants on SCE&G's system between January and December of 2005 (The group will start this process by looking at one weeks worth or information and decide what more is needed)

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- Reasons why certain plants on the system were operated.
- Time periods during which Broad River flows were greater than 40,000 cfs
- How and when the gas turbines are used on the system
- How Fairfield is used
- Ranges of costs for the purchase of megawatt hours.
- Reserves that were requested in 2005 by other utilities and the amounts of megawatts that were called upon.
- How is it determined when and at what rate Lake Murray is lowered during the annual drawdown.