

MEMORANDUM

TO: Saluda Hydro Project Relicensing Stakeholders

FROM: Shane Boring

DATE: November 10, 2006

RE: October 2006 Wood Stork Aerial Survey Observations

Dear Relicensing Stakeholder:

The October 2006 Lake Murray (Saluda Hydro Project) wood stork survey was flown by Tom Murphy with SC Department of Natural Resources on Thursday, the 26th. While a number of bald eagles, great blue herons and great egrets were sighted, no wood storks were observed during the survey. Tom noted that many of the isolated wetlands adjacent to the Saluda River above Lake Murray were dry. Tom added in recent correspondence that 2006 appears to have been an exceptional nesting season for wood storks, with about 10,000 nests reported rangewide (approx. 2,010 in South Carolina). Thank you for your continued interest in the Lake Murray wood stork project.

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