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Attn: Mr. William R. Argentieri  
"Comments on the Saluda Hydro ICD"

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Dear Sir:

My comments concern the safety of those individuals who use the Lower Saluda River, and the convenience of use for both users of the resource and the organizations which facilitate this use.

The Saluda Hydro Plant, as currently operated, does not provide any immediate information to river users as to releases into the Lower Saluda River. Therefore, the only information available to persons using, or anticipating using, the river is actual observation of water level conditions. There is no real-time communication between operators of the Hydro Plant and river users.

I am the owner of a paddlesports business, River Runner Outdoor Center. Over the past twenty-three years, we have sold products and provided services for users of the Lower Saluda River. In addition, for the past six years, my company has provided canoes, kayaks, and related equipment for Saluda Shoals Park. We conduct trips and provide instructional clinics on the Lower Saluda. I am an original and current member of the Lower Saluda Scenic River Advisory Council.

Members of the public are frequently amazed to learn that SCE&G's Saluda Hydro Plant does not schedule releases into the river. And they are even more amazed to discover that there is no communication between the Plant operators and Saluda Shoals Park, located only 1.5 miles below the Hydro facility. The lack of any release schedule and lack of communication regarding releases has the following adverse effects on members of the public who use the Lower Saluda River.

1. The public cannot make informed judgements about the safety of their use of the river. Different water levels cause vastly different conditions on all stretches of the Lower Saluda.
2. The public cannot plan for an appropriate use of the river in the absence of any meaningful information about future releases into the river.
3. Officials of Saluda Shoals Park cannot provide park visitors with adequate information regarding use of the river for canoeing, kayaking, or other river uses such as fishing or swimming, without real-time information about releases from Saluda Hydro.
4. Officials of Saluda Shoals Park cannot plan events for the use and enjoyment of the public without knowledge of future likely releases into the Lower Saluda River.

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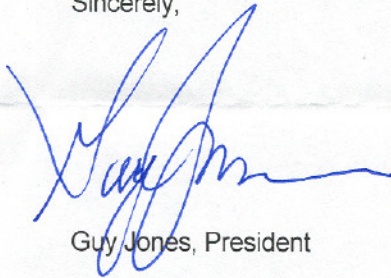
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I would like to request that you examine in your Initial Consultation Document appropriate methods to provide the following items in the proposed new operating license for Saluda Hydro:

1. A release schedule for the operation of Saluda Hydro, with criteria for deviations from planned releases, so that members of the public may make reasonably informed decisions about their use of the Lower Saluda River.
2. Communication methods which will allow members of the public and officials of organizations to obtain real-time information about releases into the Lower Saluda River.

Sincerely,



Guy Jones, President

River Runner Outdoor Center