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Project No. 516-459 – South Carolina  
Saluda Hydroelectric Project  
South Carolina Electric & Gas  
Company

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**Reference: Clarification for Additional Information Letter Issued on November 24,  
2008**

Dear Mr. Landreth:

This letter is in response to your filing of February 24, 2009, regarding our request issued on November 24, 2008, that you correct certain deficiencies in the Saluda license application, as well as provide additional information to assist us in our analysis of your proposal. Your response corrected the deficiencies; however, we are asking that you clarify certain items of your responses to our additional information request (AIR).

You indicate in your response to our AIR that you are still negotiating with respective stakeholders, consulted agencies, and Indian tribes regarding 13 items<sup>1</sup> 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.

In addition, we noted several other minor items in your response to our AIR that needed further consideration by you, with the response due on these items on or before July 31, 2009. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Items 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 22.

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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.

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.

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.

Please file an original and 8 copies of the above information with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of the response should clearly show the project number 516-459. Your response may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll free at 1-(866)-208-3676, or for TTY, (202)-502-8659.

Please contact Mr. Lee Emery at (202) 502-8379, or by e-mail at [lee.emery@ferc.gov](mailto:lee.emery@ferc.gov), if you have any questions concerning this clarification letter.

Sincerely,

Mark Pawlowski, Chief  
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