

**MEETING NOTES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY  
SALUDA HYDRO PROJECT RELICENSING  
SAFETY RCG**

**Lake Murray Training Center  
January 27, 2009**

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**ATTENDEES:**

Alan Stuart, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Alison Guth, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Tommy Boozer, SCE&G  
Ron Ahle, SCDNR  
Bill Argentieri, SCE&G  
Bill Marshall, LSSRAC  
Bret Hoffman, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Charlene Coleman, American Whitewater  
Jay Schabacher, LMA  
Joy Downs, LMA  
Mike Waddell, TU

Lee Barber, LMA  
Dave Anderson, Kleinschmidt Associates  
David Price, LMPS  
Richard Miner – USCG Auxiliary  
Suzanne Rhodes – SCWF  
Karen Kustafik – COC Parks and Rec  
Kenneth Fox - LMA  
Malcolm Leaphart - TU  
Dick Christie, SCDNR

**DATE:**            *January 8, 2009*

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**INTRODUCTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

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

Bill Argentieri opened the meeting and began with a discussion of the lower Saluda River (LSR) siren installation plan. Bill explained that Jim Devereaux with SCE&G first gave a presentation on this subject to the Safety RCG on April 9, 2008. Bill provided a recap of the plan, including siren locations along the river. He explained that the first phase of the siren installation was completed as of 2008. The remainder of the area, Bill explained, from Saluda Shoals Park to the zoo, would be installed after issuance of the new license and possibly sooner depending on the availability of funds. While discussing siren sound levels, Bill added that, in the winter, Siren 2 was too loud due to the lack of leaf cover. Therefore, the siren had to be temporarily deactivated.

As the group viewed the siren plan, they discussed the possibility of altering the phase schedule. Malcolm Leaphart suggested that since most of the activity occurs in the zoo area, it may be best to complete that schedule first. Bill explained that the currently installed zoo sirens should take care of the high use areas, however there may be a more appropriate way of arranging the schedule.

The group also discussed sound levels, and Bill Marshall explained that from his residence in West Columbia, the zoo siren is audible. He further suggested that if the sirens are the same volume as at

the zoo, then they could possibly be spaced two miles apart. The group decided to base the schedule on an appropriately spaced set of sirens for the second phase and supplementing as necessary.

Malcolm noted that TU was a proponent for the use of strobes in the place of sirens. However, the group discussed that it came down to the use of active versus passive warning signals. It was noted that people respond better to active warning signals. The group continued to discuss which order the sirens should be installed in. After some group discussion it was noted that phase 2 would consist of sirens 4,5,7, and strobes C,E, and F, complete within one year of the new license issuance. Phase 3, will consist of sirens 3,6,8,9 and strobe D, complete within two years after phase 2. It was also described that a coverage evaluation would occur after phase 2.

There was discussion regarding the implementation schedule, and Dave noted that if the Settlement Agreement is signed by everyone then SCE&G may go ahead with implementation. However, with regards to installation before the license was issued, it was possible that there could be a license article that could negate the need for the sirens.

Alan took this opportunity to discuss settlement agreement meetings with the group. He reiterated the kick-off date of March 11<sup>th</sup>, and noted that they would be sending out a draft settlement agreement document for the group to review. He also described that they would block the scheduled dates by resources groups.

The group then discussed future meetings of the Safety RCG after the relicensing processes was completed. It was explained that meetings would consist of discussions with agencies, and the resolution of safety issues that arose on the lake. Lee Barber discussed how these meetings occurred previously and Tommy Boozer added that the meetings had stopped due to a lack of interest by attendees. It was noted, however, that SCE&G was proposing to again begin hosting these meetings. Furthermore, Bill explained that after the settlement agreement meetings, if everyone signs onto the settlement agreement, then SCE&G will begin hosting the safety meeting within a year of the signing as long as there is interest in the meeting. Bill further suggested that if the settlement agreement is not signed, then they would begin the meetings within a year after SCE&G receives the license for Saluda. Before closing, the group briefly discussed what season to hold the safety meetings in and the group suggested October.

Subsequent to the meeting, Joy Downs provided the following clarification to the draft notes with regards to the post-license meeting of the Safety RCG: *“It should be noted that Lee Barber and Joy Downs were not discussing meetings at Pine Island. It was pointed out that the meetings in question were held at Beekeeper and were well attended. It was also pointed out that these meetings were not intended to be in the license but that SCE&G said they would like to put the request in the license . LMA still requests that the meetings be reinstated as soon as possible. We stated there didn’t seem to be a logical reason for putting them off. It needs to be also noted that a meeting once a year in October was not what LMA had suggested originally. This needs to be addressed further.”*