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- I. **South Carolina Electric & Gas Company owns and operates the Saluda Hydro Electric Project (Lake Murray) under a License issued by The Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission (F.E.R.C.). The F.E.R.C. is the Federal Agency responsible for the operation and development of Hydro Electric projects in the United States. This agency is responsible for protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and environmental values of the Lake Murray project. Along with the F.E.R.C. other State and Federal Agencies have regulatory jurisdiction over the waters and shoreline of Lake Murray. Each agency listed in this procedure has specific requirements that must be satisfied before a permit will be approved and issued by the appropriate agency.**

**The following is a list of the regulatory agencies responsible for multi-use dock permits and a general outline of the order in which the permitting process will proceed.**

#### **II. Agency**

- 1. Initial consultation with South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Lake Management Department.**
- 2. County Zoning Requirements: SCE&G requires a letter from the County Zoning Administration stating that the proposed site location meets existing County regulations to construct a multi-use docking facility.**
- 3. U. S. Army Corp of Engineers  
P. O. Box 919  
Charleston, SC 29402**
- 4. S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC (401 Clean Water Certificate)**
- 5. S. C. Department of Natural Resources.  
Rembert C. Dennis Building  
1000 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

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- 6. State Historic Preservation Office  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 11669  
Columbia, SC 29211**
- 7. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
217 Fort Johnson Road  
P. O. Box 12559  
Charleston, SC 29412**
- 8. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
825 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, SC 20426**
- 9. South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.  
Lake Management Department  
Columbia, SC 29218**
- 10. Any other governmental permits or authorizations which may be required.  
Applicant has the sole responsibility to determine what requirements apply  
and to meet them. No statements by SCE&G personnel as to what is  
believed to be required in the way of governmental approvals can act as a  
waiver of any requirement not mentioned.**

**NOTE: One application will be completed and filed concurrently with  
the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers and the S. C. Department of Health and  
Environmental Control, which will serve as a joint notice and is distributed  
for review and comment to the other State and Federal Agencies with the  
exception of the F.E.R.C. and S.C.E.&G.**

**III. Requirements:**

**SCE&G Shoreline Management Policy Multi-use Docks:**

**Definition: Multi-use docks are docks which will accommodate five or more  
watercraft simultaneously and for which a user fee or maintenance fee is  
charged for the use or upkeep of the facility. Multi-use docks are classified  
as commercial operations.**

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**A. General Requirements**

- 1. No multi-use docking facility accommodating 10 watercraft or less at a time, will be permitted any closer than a 1/4 mile radius to an existing multi-use facility.**
- 2. No multi-use docking facility accommodating more than 10 watercraft at a time, will be permitted any closer than a 1/2 mile radius to an existing multi-use facility.**
- 3. Any proposed multi-use docking facility located within the 1/2 mile radius of an existing facility but is separated by a peninsula, and will be located on the opposite side of the peninsula, will be required to have a minimum linear shoreline distance along the 360 foot contour of 3 miles between the existing and proposed multi-use docks.**
- 4. Multi-use docks must be located a minimum of 150' from the common property line between the proposed development property and the adjacent property owner, or meet minimum County zoning requirements; which ever provides for greater distance.**
- 5. No multi-use docks will be permitted in narrow cove areas. A minimum distance of 750 feet extending from the furthest point of the cove at the 360 foot contour will be required. A minimum distance of 350 feet must be maintained between the lakeward extension of the multi-use docking facility and the 360' contour on the opposite shoreline.**
- 6. A maximum development limit of 200 slips to accommodate watercraft will be permitted. The buildout period must conform to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control permit time frame.**
- 7. No multi-use docks may encroach or extend more than one-third the distance across any cove area or waterway.**
- 8. No multi-use docks will be permitted to have covers over the requested slips.**

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9. Multi-use docks must be located in an area where water depths are adequate for the development of the project without requiring any excavation.
  10. The construction or use of these docks must in no way be detrimental to the existing water quality.
  11. Applicant will be required to conduct a 5-year Baseline Environmental Water Quality Monitoring Plan - see attached sheet.
  12. Applicant, if required by DHEC must install a sewer pump-out disposal system before the commercial dock facility can be placed in service.
  13. Multi-use docks must comply with all Local, County, State and Federal regulations.
  14. Applicant must sign and complete the Commercial Multi-use Dock Application Agreement before SCE&G will process a permit request.
- B. Applicant must complete U. S. Army Corp of Engineers Application. Once the Corp application has been completed, SCE&G will mail the application to the Corp of Engineers and S. C. DHEC. Each Agency will then respond back to the applicant and outline the exact requirements needed to complete and process the permit.

The Corp permit will also be distributed to the other agencies for their comments and requirements.

Once SCE&G Lake Management Department mails the application to the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, SCE&G will temporarily be out of the permitting process until the Corp, State and DHEC approved permits are issued.

- IV. Upon approved permits being issued by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, S. C. DHEC, and S. C. Department of Natural Resources. SCE&G will then prepare an application for Change of Land Rights to be submitted to the F.E.R.C. The Change of Land Rights consists of requesting permission from the F.E.R.C. to construct the proposed activity (commercial dock) within the

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**the project waters of the Lake Murray Project. The commission will evaluate approved permits from the Federal and State agencies and compare the request to ensure consistency with the current Shoreline Management Plan for Lake Murray. They will review any comments or concerns individuals or agencies may have before making their decision on the Change of Land Rights request.**

**V. Permitting Time Schedule**

**The estimated time to obtain permits from the U. S. Army Corp and S. C. DHEC and the other agencies is approximately eight (8) to ten (10) weeks. This is only if there are no major objections or problems with the permit request. It will take SCE&G approximately one week to prepare the FERC filing. Once the request for the Change of Land Rights is filed with the F.E.R.C., it could require from six (6) to twenty-four (24) months to receive approval from the F.E.R.C.**

**When SCE&G is notified in writing by the F.E.R.C. that the request for a Change of Land Rights has been approved, SCE&G's Lake Management Department will issue the final permit needed to complete the proposed project request. The applicant at that time may start construction of the multi-use dock facility**