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Subject: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Saluda Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 516
Draft Application for New License

Dear Recipient:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), as the holder of the current license for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (Project), located on the Saluda River in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Saluda Counties, South Carolina, is pleased to issue the Draft Application for New License for the Project. The current license for the Project is due to expire on August 31, 2010. SCE&G will file a Final Application for New License with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on or before August 31, 2008. The Draft Application, in its entirety, is being provided on CD-ROM and consists of two volumes, as follows:

Volume 1 is comprised of:

- The Cover Letter
- The Initial Statement
- Exhibit A – Project Description
- Exhibit B – Project Operations
- Exhibit C – Construction History
- Exhibit E – Environmental Report
- Exhibit F – General Design Information (write-up only)
- Exhibit H – Miscellaneous Filing Material
- Exhibit E Appendices - Study Plans and Reports

Volume 2 is comprised of:

- Process and Correspondence Information

Exhibits D (Costs and Financing), G (Project Maps), and Design Drawings associated with Exhibit F, are not being submitted at this time, as they are still in the process of being prepared. They will be filed with the Final Application for New License.

Also, Due to the sensitive nature of the information contained in the Stage 1 Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, this study report is only being provided to the State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. The distribution of this information to the general public could lead to the destruction of significant cultural and archaeological resources in the area of Project effect.

In accordance with 18 C.F.R §16.8 (c)(5), formal comments specifically in reference to the Draft Application are due 90 days after issuance. Thus, they should be received by **March 14, 2008**. Please direct comments on the content of the Draft Application for New License to:

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We look forward to continuing to work with you towards the goal of a successful completion of the relicensing process.

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