# BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

## South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

Project No. 516

# DRAFT APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE FOR THE SALUDA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

### INITIAL STATEMENT

- 1. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company will apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") for a license for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (the "Project"), as described in the attached exhibits on or before August 31, 2008. The project is currently licensed to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company as Project Number 516.
- 2. The location of the project is:

State or territory: South Carolina

Counties: Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Saluda Municipalities: City of Columbia, City of Lexington, City of

Newberry, City of Saluda, City of West Columbia

Stream or other body of water: Saluda River

3. The exact name, business address and telephone number of the applicant are:

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- 5. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina. The Applicant is not claiming preference under Section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act 16 USCA § 800.
- 6. The statutory or regulatory requirements of the state in which the project is located that affect the project, with respect to bed and banks and to the appropriation, diversion, and use of water for power purposes, and with respect to the right to engage in the business of developing, transmitting and distributing power and in any other business necessary to accomplish the purposes of the license under the Federal Power Act, are:

# There are no applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

- 7. The Saluda Hydroelectric Project is a 207.3 MW project with an annual average generation of 184,302 MWH. It is located on the Saluda River in Lexington, Richland, Saluda and Newberry Counties, South Carolina. The project occupies lands in Lexington, Richland, Saluda and Newberry Counties and is owned and operated by the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. The project is currently licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the present license is due to expire in 2010. The Saluda Hydroelectric Project structures consist of a 7,800 foot long earth fill embankment dam (Saluda Dam), an emergency spillway with six Tainter gates, the Saluda backup dam, a powerhouse, five concrete intake towers and associated penstocks.
- 8. The following exhibits are made part of this Draft Application:

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

- 9. There are no lands of the United States affected by the project.
- 10. There is an existing project and no new construction is planned in association with this project.

In accordance with Section 16.8 of the Commission's Regulations, the Draft Application for New License is being issued to those individuals listed on the Service List below.

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