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Subject: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Saluda Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 516-459 Response to Deficiencies and Request for Additional Information dated November 24, 2008

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with Mr. Mark Pawlowski's letter dated November 24, 2008 describing deficiencies and requesting additional information associated with the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 516-459) final license application, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), Licensee of the Project, hereby files an electronic copy responding to the information requested in Schedules A and B of the referenced letter. Please find enclosed the following attachments;

Attachment 1 - Our submittal to the consulting agencies and tribes

Attachment 2 – The consulting agencies and tribes comments or recommendations

Attachment 3 – Final Schedule A response

Attachment 4 – Final Schedule B response including addressing of consulting agencies and tribes comments or recommendations

There are two items that were requested but could not be filed electronically via the internet. They are three sets of revised Exhibit G maps (11 x 17 size) as requested in Item 2 of Schedule A and the Instream Flow DVDs as requested in Item 10 of Schedule B. These two items will be filed with the Commission under separate cover letter

In an effort to file our response with the Commission within the required 90-day response period, any comments or recommendations received from the consulting agencies and tribes after the 30-day review period will be filed under separate letter with the Commission along with any responses required by the Applicant.

The Applicant requests the Commission grant the requested extension of time until July 31, 2009 to allow for continued negotiations with the respective stakeholders, consulting agencies, and tribes on all of these matters in an effort to reach a consensus for a settlement agreement. Please note that comments and recommendations submitted by the consulting agencies (see Attachment 2) endorse the request for a time extension to finalize the Settlement Agreement prior to the Commission acting on the Final License Application. Further, the Licensee plans to submit language for inclusion into any subsequent new license issued for Project 516 based on a finalized Settlement Agreement.

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