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Dear Fellow Members:

Enclosed is the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee's Report as to Qualifications of Candidates for Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 of the Public Service Commission (commission). The report is designed to provide you information on the candidates nominated and qualified by the Review Committee. The Review Committee is charged with nominating up to three candidates for each seat on the commission. In accordance with this mandate, the Review Committee thoroughly investigated each candidate with respect to his or her suitability for service on the commission.

The PSC Screening Subcommittee of the Review Committee held public hearings on February 11 and 12, 2013, to question the candidates. A transcript of the oral examination of the candidates is appended to this report by reference. You can access the transcript on the General Assembly's website: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/committeeinfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm.php

The Review Committee met March 19, 2013, to consider the qualifications of the candidates. The Review Committee also met on April 10, 2013 to consider a potential violation of Section 8-13-935. No action was taken at this meeting, and the transcript, once it is available, will be posted at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/committeeinfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm.php

The Review Committee's finding that a candidate is qualified and nominated means that the candidate satisfies the constitutional and statutory criteria for service on the commission and the Review Committee's evaluative criteria. The enclosed report explains the Review Committee's evaluative criteria and details each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the evaluative criteria.

Candidates are prohibited from asking for your commitment until 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 13, 2013. Members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing a candidate's qualifications on behalf of a candidate, and are not permitted to offer a pledge to vote for a candidate until 12:00 noon on April 13, 2013. If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Heather Anderson at (803) 212-6208 or Andy Fiffick at (803) 734-3019. Pursuant to Canon 5 of the Judicial Code of Conduct, candidates must not attend political gatherings, including legislative caucus meetings.

Sincerely, Thomas C. Alexander

PSC SCREENING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7

INTRODUCTION

Act No. 175 of 2004 created the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee (Review Committee) and charged the Review Committee with, among other duties, the duty to nominate candidates for the members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission (commission). The terms for Seats 1, 3, 5, and the At-Large seat expired June 30, 2012. Due to redistricting, South Carolina received a seventh congressional district, and the At-Large seat has now become the 7th District seat. The Review Committee issued a press release announcing the vacancies on September 21, 2012. The Review Committee received applications from 22 persons. Eight applicants withdrew their names from consideration prior to the public hearing, and two withdrew after the public hearing.

The PSC Screening Subcommittee (subcommittee) conducted background investigations of each candidate, including credit, driver's license, and law enforcement checks. It gave a written examination to determine the level of knowledge each candidate has with respect to substantive public utility issues, ethical constraints applicable to the commission, and the operations of the commission. The subcommittee also obtained attendance records at commission meetings and hearings for the commissioners. The subcommittee held a public hearing at which all candidates were questioned and given an opportunity to make statements as to their qualifications and desire to serve as a commissioner.

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

Act 175 requires that for terms beginning after June 30, 2006, members of the commission must have the following qualifications:

- (1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree; and
- (2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - (a) energy;
 - (b) telecommunications:
 - (c) consumer protection and advocacy;
 - (d) water and wastewater;
 - (e) finance, economics, and statistics;
 - (f) accounting;
 - (g) engineering; or
 - (h) law.

S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-530. The Review Committee may find a candidate qualified even though he or she does not have a background of substantial duration and expertise in at least one of the above areas if three-fourths of the Review Committee vote to qualify the candidate.

The Review Committee is also required to consider: "(1) the ability, dedication, compassion, common sense, and integrity of the candidates; and (2) the race and gender of the candidates and other demographic factors to assure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible of all segments of the population of the State." S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-560. The

determination of legal qualifications includes a determination of the candidate's residence in the appropriate Public Service Commission district as established by Section 58-3-20, the candidate's eligibility for election as determined by Section 58-3-24, and the candidate's compliance with constitutional provisions limiting election to those persons eligible to be electors of this State.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-530, the annual performance review of commissioners seeking reelection must be made a part of the commissioner's record for consideration if the commissioner seeks reelection. The incumbent commissioners' evaluations for the periods from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2012, are included after each commissioner's summary of qualifications.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

To determine fitness beyond mere legal qualifications, the subcommittee considered each candidate's experience, temperament, compliance with and knowledge of legal and ethical constraints on public service, knowledge of commission operations, demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service at the commission, and demonstrated integrity, including the handling of personal financial affairs. The subcommittee then considered each candidate as a whole and formulated an overall recommendation.

Experience

Act 175 requires that commissioners have a background of substantial duration and an expertise in energy; telecommunications; consumer protection and advocacy; water and wastewater; finance, economics, and statistics; accounting; engineering; or law. The subcommittee considered not only whether a candidate has succeeded in one of these fields but also whether the candidate has the capability of transferring this success and knowledge to the operations of the commission. Although incumbent commissioners are exempted from this requirement, the subcommittee focused on each incumbent commissioner's success as a commissioner and his or her initiative in gaining experience in a variety of ways, including attendance at public utility seminars and workshops, judicial training, and committee work with national and regional organizations. The transcript appended to this report contains each applicant's background and employment history.

Temperament

The subcommittee sought to determine whether a candidate's sense of the role he is to fill on the commission is such that his work will be productive, proactive, and protective of the interests of all South Carolinians.

Compliance with and Knowledge of Legal and Ethical Constraints

Act 175 requires that commissioners adhere to the State Ethics Act and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The subcommittee believes that not only must the candidates be aware of the legal and ethical constraints, they must have conducted and comported themselves with the highest regard for ethics in their actions.

Potential Aptitude for Meaningful Leadership and/or Service at the Public Service Commission

Given the history that led to the enactment of Act 175, the subcommittee considered whether a candidate showed an aptitude for service as a commissioner, whether as a leader, or a follower, or both. In its May 2002 report on the candidates, the 2002 Screening Committee found that an absence of leadership at the commission led to problems such as prohibited *ex parte* communications, tension between commissioners and staff, and the lack of a coherent agency vision. The subcommittee believes that the commission should have strong leadership, work toward common goals, have a positive influence on employees, and ensure that parties and persons appearing before the commission are treated fairly and impartially. The subcommittee therefore sought to gauge each candidate's potential aptitude to serve as a leader and/or as a commissioner supporting the goals and mission of the agency.

Integrity

Candidates must assure the Review Committee that their word is their bond. Particular attention is given to the way candidates have managed their financial affairs.

Substantive Knowledge of Commission Operations

The subcommittee believes that every candidate, whether incumbent or non-incumbent, must demonstrate some basic understanding of the role of the commission and its operations. It would be unfair, however, to require non-incumbents to have accumulated a wealth of knowledge about commission operations specifically, or regulated utilities generally. Unlike incumbent commissioners, challengers have not had the benefit of a compensated opportunity to educate themselves in hearings or through conversations with commission staff. The subcommittee expects incumbents and others who have substantial experience appearing before the commission to be able to discuss these matters with a greater fluency than those persons who have, to date, committed themselves to other employment. The subcommittee emphasizes that the substantive knowledge findings contained in this report are a measure of a candidate's knowledge at the time of his candidacy. The findings are not necessarily indicative of a candidate's ability to subsequently master commission operations and the multitude of issues relating thereto.

FINDINGS AS TO QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The Review Committee finds the following candidates qualified and nominates them for election to the South Carolina Public Service Commission:

Seat 1: David Cannon

John E. "Butch" Howard

Carolynn "Carolee" Williams

Seat 3: Comer H. "Randy" Randall

Seat 5: Sarah B. Nuckles

Headen B. Thomas Swain E. Whitfield

Seat 7: Gordon "O'Neal" Hamilton

Dale K. Surrett

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 1

DAVID CANNON

Address: 2808 Point Street

Edisto Island, SC 29438

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Cannon was evaluated as AVERAGE qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Cannon obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson College in 1959, and a Master of Science in Instrumentation Engineering in 1964 from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Cannon also attended the University of North Carolina as a graduate student but left prior to earning an advanced degree. In 1959, Mr. Cannon became a junior engineer at Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1960-1968. From 1962-1964, he was a graduate teaching assistant and graduate student at Case Institute. From 1965-1986, Mr. Cannon was Senior Project Engineer at Sonoco. From 1987-2001, Mr. Cannon was President and CEO of Edisto Seafarms, Inc., which, at the time, was the largest shrimp farm east of the Mississippi. The farm operated with increasing profitability for four years until a series of alien viruses caused successive crop failures and bankruptcy. From 2002-2004, Mr. Cannon was a contract engineer with Sonoco Products Company. Finally, from 2005-2012, he has been President of Production Engineering, LLC. This LLC does residential design and engineering including earthquake and hurricane resistance on Edisto Island.

Test Score:

Mr. Cannon received an overall score of 71.

- Mr. Cannon was evaluated to be of **AVERAGE** experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Cannon was evaluated to be of **APPROPRIATE** temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Cannon was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Cannon was evaluated as having **AVERAGE** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Cannon was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Cannon was evaluated to have **AVERAGE** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

JOHN E. "BUTCH" HOWARD

Address: 1908 Bowens Island Road

Charleston, SC 29412

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Howard was evaluated as being of **OUTSTANDING** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Howard received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1973.

Mr. Howard was elected to the Public Service Commission, Seat 1 in March 2004. He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He is on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where he chairs the Committee on Water, is on the Public Council Advisory Board of the Water Research Foundation, is on the Advisory Council of the New Mexico State University Center of Public Utilities, and the Water Sector of the Government Coordinating Council with the Department of Homeland Security and the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to being elected to the commission, Mr. Howard was employed in various sales positions and was part owner of Williams & Howard. Mr. Howard served in the United States Army from 1963 until honorably discharged in 1966.

Test Score:

Mr. Howard received an overall score of 87.

- Mr. Howard was evaluated to be of **OUTSTANDING** experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Howard was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Howard was evaluated to have OUTSTANDING knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Howard was evaluated as having **OUTSTANDING** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Howard was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Howard was evaluated to have **OUTSTANDING** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

John E. "Butch" Howard South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: First Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Commissioner Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He was elected Chairman of the Public Service Commission in July 2010. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Commissioner Howard is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC; he is the chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water and serves on the NARUC Board of Directors.

Commissioner Howard exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs and seminars. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (annual, winter and summer), for which he is responsible for all of the Committee on Water programs;
- National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) Commissioner Policy Forum;
- NAWC Water Summit:
- NARUC Water Rate Schools, for which he is in charge of two schools a year due to his position as Chairman of the NARUC Water Committee;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only meeting;
- Bonbright Institute on Electric and Gas, on which he participated in a panel regarding resource planning;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he participated in a panel;
- Macquarie Capital, AUS, EEI and Commissioners Chat;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum; and
- Numerous ex parte briefings, workshops and seminars, including ethics, held in Columbia.

Commissioner Howard serves on the Department of Homeland Security's Government Coordinating Council on Water and on the Water Research Foundation's Public Advisory Committee. He also participates in the New Mexico State University's Institute on Public Utilities and has participated in various energy forums.

John E. "Butch" Howard South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: First Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Chairman Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004, and was re-elected on May 21, 2008. He was elected Chairman of the Public Service Commission in July 2010. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Chairman Howard is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC; he is the chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water; and serves on the NARUC Board of Directors.

Chairman Howard exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs and seminars. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (annual, winter and summer);
- NAWC Commissioner Policy Forum;
- NAWC Staff Water Policy Forum;
- NARUC Water Rate Schools, for which he is in charge of two schools a year due to his position as Chairman of the NARUC Water Committee;
- National Association of Water Companies Annual meeting;
- Public Utility Research Center, Emerging Issues.

Chairman Howard represents NARUC on the Department of Homeland Security's Government Coordinating Council on Water and has been appointed to the Water Research Foundation - Public Council on Drinking Water. He also participates in the New Mexico State University's Institute on Public Utilities.

John E. "Butch" Howard South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: First Congressional District Review Period: September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010

Chairman Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He was elected Chairman of the Public Service Commission in July 2010. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Chairman Howard is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC; he is the chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water and serves on the NARUC Board of Directors.

Chairman Howard exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs and seminars. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC Rate School, sponsored by the Committee on Water, for which he is in charge of two schools per year;
- Drinking Water Symposium;
- Water Policy Forum;
- South Carolina State Environmental Policy Institute;
- Ethics Seminar;
- Fundamentals of Electricity Regulation in South Carolina;
- Emerging and Foundational Issues in the Electric Utility Sector;
- "Commissioner's Chat" sponsored by Barclay Capital;
- NARUC Subcommittee on Finance and Accounting, in which he gave the welcome address and updated the subcommittee on state and federal accounting issues that may come before the South Carolina Public Service Commission;
- Presenter at the Charleston Rotary Club, Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club and Summerville Kiwanis Club in which he addressed the commission's history and purpose;
- South Carolina Energy Users Association annual meeting; and
- National Association of Water Company's Drinking Water Symposium, at which he was panelist.

Chairman Howard represents NARUC on the Department of Homeland Security's Water Sector Coordinating Council and has been appointed to the Water Research Foundation - Public Council on Drinking Water. He also participates in the New Mexico State University's Institute on Public Utilities.

John E. "Butch" Howard South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: First Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009

Commissioner Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He was elected Vice Chairman of the Public Service Commission in July 2008. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Commissioner Howard seeks to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs and seminars. He has also reads professional and trade publications and books related to water, telecommunications and energy issues.

Commissioner Howard is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC and is the co-vice chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC Rate School, sponsored by the Committee on Water (faculty member);
- Ethics Seminar;
- National Association of Water Companies Water Policy Forum, where he provided a commissioner's point of view in a discussion of issues faced by water and wastewater utilities;
- "Securing Our Future: the Nuclear Alternative," sponsored by MUSC;
- FERC/NERC Collaborative on Demand Response;
- FERC/NERC Collaborative Smart Grid:
- Lehman Brothers "Chat with Commissioners" where he was a panelist to discuss issues regarding economic viability of regulated utilities with members of the Wall Street community;
- S.C. Energy Users Committee Conference.

Commissioner Howard was recently asked to participate on the Department of Homeland Security's Water Sector Coordinating Council, comprised of 50 members throughout the United States.

CAROLYNN "CAROLEE" WILLIAMS

Address: 7 Beverly Road

Charleston, SC 29407

Overall Recommendation:

Ms. Williams was evaluated as being of ABOVE AVERAGE qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Williams attended Columbia College in 1974 and graduated from Wake Forest University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Ms. Williams then obtained a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia in 1982. From 1982-1985, Ms. Williams served as a planner for the Department of Planning and Urban Development in the City of Charleston, S.C., where she performed planning research and completed analytical projects concerning downtown Charleston. She then served as a planner for the City Planning Department for the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1985-1986. During this time, she also staffed Cincinnati's Riverfront Advisory Committee. Ms. Williams then returned to Charleston where she served as Planning Administrator for the Department of Planning and Urban Development for the city of Charleston from 1986-1992, and as an instructor in urban planning for the College of Charleston from 1989-1992. From 1992 to the present, she has been Project Manager for Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability for the City of Charleston. In her capacity as Project Manager, she manages Charleston's "Green Business Challenge," which supports businesses as they work to reduce their use of energy and water and reduce their waste.

Test Score:

Ms. Williams received an overall score of 68.

- Ms. Williams was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** experience to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated to have AVERAGE substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 3

COMER H. "RANDY" RANDALL

Address: 306 West Maple Street

Clinton, SC 29325

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Randall was evaluated as being ABOVE AVERAGE qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Randall obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Presbyterian College in 1975 and a Master of Education degree from the University of Georgia in 1979.

Mr. Randall has served as the mayor of Clinton since 2003 and previously served as a Clinton City Council member from 1996-2003. He has been employed by Presbyterian College since 1992, where he has held a number of administrative-level positions and is currently the Executive Director of Alumni and Community Relations. He was a sales representative with Jacobs Press from 1990-1992. From 1977-1989, he served in a number of position at Presbyterian College.

Mr. Randall has served on the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency Board since 2004 and has been its chairman for the past three years. He has served on the American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council since 2006, and was its National Chair for 2011-2012. Mr. Randall has also served as Chair of the Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority since 2003.

Test Score:

Mr. Randall received an overall score of 70.

- Mr. Randall was evaluated as having ABOVE AVERAGE experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 5

BARBARA A. BROWN

Address: 20 Naomi Court

Sumter, SC 29154

Overall Recommendation:

Ms. Brown was evaluated as being of **BELOW AVERAGE** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Brown obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Rollins University in 1979. In 1985 she obtained a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and Energy Studies with a Political Economy Specialty from the University of Southern California, UK Branch. Ms. Brown obtained a Graduate Certificate in International Family and Community Studies from Clemson University in 2011. Ms. Brown chaired the Florida League of Women Voters State Board on Natural Resources from 1977-1980. Ms. Brown then worked for two years with Florida's Solar Energy Center and the Florida Governor's Energy Office and spent 1981-84 as a recreation program director and foreign media liaison on a United States Air Force Base. From 1985-89, Ms. Brown worked for H & S Beer Wholesalers as public relations and research director. Beginning in 1985 to the present, Ms. Brown has had a series of contracts with the Kettering Foundation performing research. She worked for the Manpower Office at Shaw Air Force Base for another part of 1989, analyzing government resource allocation. From 1989 to the present, Ms. Brown has worked for Clemson University and Alma Harris as a youth program advisor, and, more recently, as Director of the Laboratory for Deliberative Democracy.

Test Score:

Ms. Brown received an overall score of 75.

- Ms. Brown was evaluated as having AVERAGE experience to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Brown was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Brown was evaluated to have **AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Ms. Brown was evaluated as having **BELOW AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Ms. Brown was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Ms. Brown was evaluated to have BELOW AVERAGE substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

SARAH B. NUCKLES

Address: 1335 Quiet Acres Circle

Rock Hill, SC 29732

Overall Recommendation:

Ms. Nuckles was evaluated as being of **AVERAGE** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Nuckles attended Columbus Junior College, Indian River Community College and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Atlantic University in 1989. She subsequently enrolled in coursework toward obtaining a Masters in Business Administration at both Florida Atlantic University and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Business Administration program at Winthrop University.

Ms. Nuckles held positions as Accounting Clerk, Budget Officer, and Internal Auditor with the Fort Pierce Public Utilities Authority in Fort Pierce, Florida, during the 1970's. From 1980-1985, she was employed by Truck and Trailer Center, where she served as business manager, general manager and ultimately executive vice-president. From 1986-1988, she worked as a controller for car dealerships. She worked at Palm Beach Community College from 1990-1992. From 1992-2003. she was co-owner and executive vice-president of Nuckles Flooring Company. From 2004-2005, she was a planning intern with the City of Rock Hill. From 2005-2008. she was an administrative director for Capital Management and Engineering. In 2008, she established Pencilheads, LLC, which provided accounting and financial services to small businesses.

Ms. Nuckles served as a city commissioner with West Palm Beach from 1993-1995. She also served on the South Carolina Department Transportation Commission for the Fifth Congressional district from 2008-2012. She had previously served as a member of the policy committee for the Metropolitan Transit Commission for the Charlotte Area Transit Service.

Test Score:

Ms. Nuckles received an overall score of 75.

- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated as having AVERAGE experience to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated as having **AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Ms. Nuckles was evaluated to have **AVERAGE** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

HEADEN B.THOMAS

Address: 116 Creekside Drive

Fort Mill, SC 29715

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Thomas was evaluated as AVERAGE qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Thomas graduated from Wofford College in January 1973, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a Masters in Business Administration from Winthrop College in May 1979. Mr. Thomas reports that he has completed several hours of continuing education in tax preparation over the preceding five years.

Mr. Thomas worked at Manufacturer's Supply Company in Rock Hill, SC, from February 1973 until January 1977. Mr. Thomas worked for Piedmont Natural Gas Company in Charlotte, NC, from January 1983 until October 2006. He served in a variety of roles including Tax Staff Accountant, Corporate Tax Manager, Director of Investor Relations and Director of Investor Relations & Corporate Communications. As Tax Manager, he managed all aspects of the Tax Department including planning, compliance, accounting and preparation of tax-related aspects of rate case filings. As Director of Investor Relations, he managed equity financing and developed rating agency packages among many other duties. As a Director of Corporate Communications, he acted as a corporate spokesperson, making various media appearances and preparing press releases. Mr. Thomas has held various part-time positions since 2006. He has worked at Heritage Bluff Preserve, LLC, since 2006, at Moore & Moore CPA's, P.A. since 2009, and at Edisto Heritage Development, Inc., since 2010.

Test Score:

Mr. Thomas received an overall score of 79.

- Mr. Thomas was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Thomas was evaluated to be of **APPROPRIATE** temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Thomas was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Thomas was evaluated as having **AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Thomas was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Thomas was evaluated to have AVERAGE substantive knowledge of the operations
 of the commission.

^{*}Representative Forrester excused and recused himself from discussion regarding Mr. Thomas.

SWAIN E. WHITFIELD

Address: 111 Heritage Road

Blackstock, SC 29014

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as being of **OUTSTANDING** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Whitfield received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Georgia in 1986, focusing on economic and industrial geography. Following graduation, Mr. Whitfield began working for Laidlaw Carriers in Atlanta, GA. From 1987-1990, he was employed by Youmans Transportation, Inc., in West Columbia as operations manager for transportation brokerage operation. Mr. Whitfield handled operations and customer service for Senn Trucking Co. in Newberry from 1990-1991. Mr. Whitfield served on the Winnsboro City Council between 1995 and 1999, during which time the city took over wastewater service from a private firm and expanded gas and electric service. Mr. Whitfield founded Whitfield Transportation, Inc. in Blythewood, S.C., in 1991, and ran the business successfully until selling it in 2008. Mr. Whitfield was elected to the Public Service Commission in 2008, and he has served continuously until the present. He is a member of both the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (SEARUC).

Test Score:

Mr. Whitfield received an overall score of 90.

- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated to be of **APPROPRIATE** temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated to have **OUTSTANDING** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as having **OUTSTANDING** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated to have **OUTSTANDING** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

Swain E. Whitfield South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: At-Large Review Period: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Commissioner Whitfield was elected to the commission for a term beginning July 1, 2008. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is member of the NARUC Committee on Gas and the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure. He is also a member of the NARUC Pipeline Safety Task Force. He was recently appointed to the Washington Action Committee and the NARUC Nuclear Waste Committee.

Commissioner Whitfield exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs:

- NARUC meetings (winter, summer and annual);
- SEARUC summit;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Educational workshop at Duke University concerning the implementation of the new EPA regulations;
- Current Issues Conference, at which he participated on a panel;
- Wall Street Dialogue, at which he participated on a panel; and
- Various ex parte briefings, forums and seminars, including ethics.

Swain E. Whitfield South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: At-Large Review Period: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Commissioner Whitfield was elected to the commission for a term beginning July 1, 2008. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is member of the NARUC Committee on Gas and the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure; he is the liaison for the Committee on Gas to the Critical Infrastructure Committee. He is also a member of the NARUC Pipeline Safety Task Force.

Commissioner Whitfield exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs:

- Seminar on vulnerabilities to critical infrastructure, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy;
- NARUC Utility Rate School, at which he received a certificate of completion;
- Camp NARUC, week 2, at which he received a certificate of completion;
- NARUC meetings (winter, summer and annual);
- SEARUC annual meeting;
- National Pipeline Safety Forum;
- Telecommunications Association fall meeting;
- Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott's Community Forum where he explained the roles of the PSC and ORS as well as procedures involving utility matters;
- Speaker at the Winnsboro Rotary Club and Blythewood Rotary Club;
- Wall Street Dialogue, at which he participated on a panel concerning pending EPA regulations;
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars held in Columbia, S.C.

Swain E. Whitfield South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: At-Large

Review Period: September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010

Commissioner Whitfield was elected to the commission for a term beginning July 1, 2008. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is member of the NARUC Committee on Gas.

Commissioner Whitfield exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs:

- Electricity Law seminar;
- Emerging Issues in Electricity;
- Energy and Foundational Issues in the Electric Utility Sector;
- Camp NARUC at the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University, where he completed the program and received a Certificate of Completion of the Annual Regulatory Studies Program;
- NARUC meetings (winter, summer and annual);
- SEARUC meetings;
- Conquering Climate Change seminar; and
- Bonbright Utilities Center annual conference, at which he served as a presenter and panelist.

Swain E. Whitfield South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: At-Large Review Period: July 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009

Commissioner Whitfield was elected to the commission for a term beginning July 1, 2008. During his short tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. He is member of the NARUC Energy Resources and Environment Committee. Commissioner Whitfield seeks to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs.

Commissioner Whitfield attended the following educational programs:

- PSC in-house training and ethics sessions;
- NARUC Boot Camp and new commissioner training;
- NARUC Annual, Winter, and Summer meetings;
- Nuclear Energy Summit, sponsored by MUSC;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only Summit and other SEARUC meetings;
- Bonbright Conference;
- Conquering Climate Change seminar.

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 7

GORDON O'NEAL HAMILTON

Address: 706 Lakeshore Drive

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Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as being of ABOVE AVERAGE qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Hamilton obtained an Associate's Degree from North Greenville Jr. College in 1953. Mr. Hamilton has served as the Public Service Commissioner for the Fifth District since 2004. From 1953-1957, Mr. Hamilton was the Agency Manager for the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. From 1977-2003 he served as the Agency Manager of Farm Bureau Insurance. Mr. Hamilton was elected to the Bennettsville City Council from 1978-1990 where he was Chairman of the Utility Committee with oversight of city electric, gas, water and wastewater departments. He was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election to City Council in 1990. In 1990, he was elected to the SC Highway Commission, and served until 1992. From 1992-2004, Mr. Hamilton served on the Marlboro County Council. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the following professional organizations: (1) National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (NARUC); (2) Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and (3) NARUC Committee on Gas (chairman).

Test Score:

Mr. Hamilton received an overall score of 74.

- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as having **OUTSTANDING** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated to have OUTSTANDING substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

G. O'Neal Hamilton South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Fifth Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was re-elected on May 21, 2008. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is an advisory to NARUC's Committee on Gas and is a member of the National Petroleum Council Advisory Committee (NPC) and the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hamilton exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (annual, summer and winter);
- SEARUC meeting;
- Fifth World Forum on Energy Regulation;
- NPC Public Interest Advisory Committee meetings;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he spoke on shale gas; and
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars, including ethics.

G. O'Neal Hamilton South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Fifth Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is the immediate past chairman of and a current advisory to NARUC's Committee on Gas. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council (NPC) and the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hamilton exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (summer and winter);
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Public Interest Advisory Committee;
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars held in Columbia.

G. O'Neal Hamilton **South Carolina Public Service Commission**

Seat: Fifth Congressional District

Review Period: September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010

Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is the chairman of NARUC's Committee on Gas and serves on NARUC's Board of Directors. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council (NPC) and serves as a member of its Public Interest Advisory Committee and as a board member on NPC's Gas Technology Institute. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hamilton exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (annual, winter, and summer);
- SEARUC annual meeting, where he served as moderator of a natural gas panel;
- Ethics seminar;
- Fundamentals of Electricity Regulation in South Carolina;
- Various ex parte briefings; and
- Served as a panelist at the Emerging Issues Policy Forum.

G. O'Neal Hamilton South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Fifth Congressional District Review Period: June 30, 2008 - September 30, 2009

Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 21, 2008. He was elected vice-chairman by the commissioners for a term beginning July 1, 2004, and chairman, July 1, 2006. He is the chairman of NARUC's Committee on Gas and serves on NARUC's Board of Directors. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council and the Moratoria Study Group, formed by NARUC and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. Commissioner Hamilton seeks to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs.

Commissioner Hamilton attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC Annual, Winter and Summer meetings;
- SEARUC Annual meeting;
- Ethics seminar;
- National Petroleum Council Meeting;
- Instructor at the NARUC New Commissioner Training;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only meeting;
- Bonbright Electric & Natural Gas Conference:
- Panelist for the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Current Issues;
- Public Interest Advisory Committee Meeting, Gas Technology Institute;
- Presentation at the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency.

DALE K. SURRETT

Address: 323 Thoroughbred Trail

Hartsville, SC 29550

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Surrett was evaluated as being of **ABOVE AVERAGE** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Surrett obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina Aiken in 1985. Mr. Surrett is a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. He also earned his Masters in Public Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1993. From 1985-1986, Mr. Surrett was employed by the City of Aiken Department of Safety as a public safety officer charged with routine law enforcement and uniformed patrol duties. From 1986-1988, he served as a security inspector with Wackenhut Services, Inc., responsible for protecting the nuclear facility at the Savannah River Site. From 1988-1990, Mr. Surrett was a deputy sheriff with the Richland County Sheriff's Office. He continued his employment with the Richland County Sheriff's Office as a Criminal Investigator from 1990-1993. From 1993-1999, Mr. Surrett was an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the County of Greenville. From 1999-2004, Mr. Surrett served as the County Administrator for McCormick County and was responsible for supervising the management of county government operations including the county-operated water and sewer utilities,. From 1994-1997, he was employed by the Town of Moncks Corner as a Town Administrator. From 2007-2009, Mr. Surrett was employed by Oconee County as County. From 2011 to the present, Mr. Surrett has served as the County Administrator for Darlington County.

Test Score:

Mr. Surrett received an overall score of 76.

- Mr. Surrett was evaluated as having ABOVE AVERAGE experience to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Surrett was evaluated to be of APPROPRIATE temperament to serve on the commission.
- Mr. Surrett was evaluated to have **AVERAGE** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Surrett was evaluated as having **ABOVE AVERAGE** potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Surrett was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrating integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Surrett was evaluated to have AVERAGE substantive knowledge of the operations
 of the commission.

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