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Members of the South Carolina General Assembly
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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 2, 4, and 6 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 April 14, 2014, 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/committeefinfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2014ScreeningInformation.php>

The Review Committee met April 29, 2014, to consider the qualifications of the candidates. 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, **Thursday, May 15, 2014**. **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 May 15, 2014.** 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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S REPORT AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS
OF CANDIDATES FOR SEATS 2, 4, AND 6**

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 2, 4, and 6 expire on June 30, 2014. The Review Committee issued a press release announcing the vacancies on January 3, 2014 and received applications from 9 persons. Two applicants withdrew their names from consideration prior to 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 on April 14, 2014 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

Pursuant to Section 58-5-20(A), 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.

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 and provide written justification of their decision in the report regarding candidate qualifications. S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-20(B).

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' annual evaluations since their last screening are included after each commissioner's summary of qualifications.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

To determine fitness beyond mere legal qualifications, the Review Committee 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 Review Committee then considered each candidate as a whole and formulated an overall recommendation.

Experience

Section 58-3-20(A) 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 subcommittee's transcript contains each applicant's background and employment history.

Temperament

The Review Committee 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

Section 58-3-30 requires that commissioners adhere to the State Ethics Act and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 Review Committee 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 2: Elliott F. Elam, Jr.
Brent L. McGee**
- Seat 4: Elizabeth "Lib" B. Fleming
William "Kevin" Newman**
- Seat 6: Nikiya "Nikki" M. Hall**

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 2

ELLIOTT F. ELAM, JR.

Address: 142 Mossborough Dr.
Lexington, South Carolina 29073-7454

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Elam is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1984, as well as a Masters in Public Administration in 1988. He also received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1988.

Mr. Elam has served as Deputy Consumer Advocate/Consumer Advocate with the Department of Consumer Affairs since 2002. His employment with the Department began as a law clerk in 1987. In 1990, he was promoted to staff attorney, where he represented utility and insurance ratepayers before the Public Service Commission, the Department of Insurance, Administrative Law Judge Division, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and state and federal courts. While a staff attorney, he testified numerous times before committees of the South Carolina General Assembly on utility regulation issues. In 2002, he became the Deputy Consumer Advocate/Consumer Advocate, a position he presently holds. He has directed the representation of utility and insurance ratepayers before the South Carolina Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the South Carolina Department of Insurance, and the Administrative Law Court. He has represented consumer appeals before the state's circuit courts, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Test Score:

Mr. Elam received an overall score of 74.

General Qualifications:

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

BRENT L. MCGEE

Address: 171 Hermitage Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. McGee received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Accounting from Presbyterian College 1996. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1999.

Mr. McGee has served as Commissioner on the South Carolina Public Service Commission since November 2013, filling a vacancy due to the resignation of former Commissioner David Wright. In 2012, he worked at McGee Real Estate Co/Brent L. McGee Attorney at Law, LLC, in which he focused on real estate closings. From January 2010 - October 2012, he was employed by Ameris Bank as a branch manager and loan officer. From 2004-2009, he was a partner in Mann & McGee, LLC, which focused on real estate closings and transactions, as well as entity formation. From 2002-2004, he was an associate attorney with the Dooley Law Firm, focusing on real estate closings, wills, and entity formation.

Mr. McGee is a member of South Carolina Bar Association and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

Test Score:

Mr. McGee received an overall score of 87.

General Qualifications:

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

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 4

ELIZABETH "LIB" B. FLEMING

Address: 314 Glendalyn Place
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Fleming is a graduate of Converse College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965. After graduating from Converse in 1965, she served as the Head Start Director of Walker River Indian Reservation in Nevada during the Summer of 1967.

Ms. Fleming has served as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission since 2004. She served as councilwoman to the City of Spartanburg from 1994-2004.

Ms. Fleming is a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), where she served on the board of directors from 2009-2012. She is a member of NARUC's Committee on Critical Infrastructure, where she served as chairwoman from 2009-2012. She also serves on NARUC's Committee on Electricity and NARUC's Eastern Interconnection Planning Council (EISPC). She is currently a member of the EISPC's steering committee. She also serves on the National Regulatory Research Institute's Investment Committee. She is also a member of the New Mexico State University, Center for Public Utility Advisory Committee as well as the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC).

Test Score:

Ms. Fleming received an overall score of 87.

General Qualifications:

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

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Elizabeth “Lib” Fleming
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fourth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Commissioner Fleming was initially elected March 3, 2004, and was most recently reelected May 19, 2010. During her tenure, she has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues. She is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. Commissioner Fleming is a member of the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Committee on Electricity, the White House Smart Grid Working Group, the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC) and the Eastern Interconnection Planning Council, Sector Steering Council. She is also a member on the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utility Advisory Committee. She also serves as a board member for the National Regulatory Research Institute.

Commissioner Fleming exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual and winter);
- Three Interconnections: Facing the Future with Interconnection-Wide Planning;
- Women's Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which she participated on a panel;
- Current Issues 2013 conference, during which she participated on a panel;
- Institute for Regulatory Law & Economics;
- SEARUC annual conference, during which she participated on a panel;
- Electric power Research Institute Summer Seminar, on which she participated on a panel to discuss cyber security;
- Utilities 2020 Project Dialogue, during which she participated in a round table discussion regarding new utility business models and new regulatory approaches; and
- Various ex parte briefings and workshops, including ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Fleming is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Fleming.

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Elizabeth “Lib” Fleming
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fourth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Commissioner Fleming was initially elected March 3, 2004, and was most recently re-elected May 19, 2010. During her tenure, she has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues. She is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. She served as the chairwoman for NARUC’s Committee on Critical Infrastructure and a member of NARUC’s Board of Directors until November 2011. Commissioner Fleming is a member of the NARUC Committee on Electricity, the White House Smart Grid Working Group, the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC) and the Eastern Interconnection Planning Council, Sector Steering Council. She serves as the secretary for the EISPC’s Executive Committee. She is also a member on the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utility Advisory Committee. She also serves on the Smart Grid Working Group.

Commissioner Fleming exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual and winter);
- National Electricity Forum;
- SEARUC summit;
- GridWeek 2011, on which she participated in a panel;
- Various ex parte briefings and workshops, including ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Fleming is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee’s review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Fleming.

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Elizabeth “Lib” Fleming
South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Fourth Congressional District

Review Period: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Commissioner Fleming was initially elected March 3, 2004, and was most recently re-elected May 19, 2010. During her tenure, she has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues. She is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. She is the chairwoman for NARUC’s Committee on Critical Infrastructure and a member of NARUC’s Board of Directors, NARUC Committee on Electricity, and the White House Smart Grid Working Group. She also serves as an advisory council member for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. She is a member of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC) and of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Council, Sector Steering Council. She serves as the secretary for the EISPC’s Executive Committee. She is also a member on the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utility Advisory Committee. She also serves on the White House Smart Grid Working Group.

Chairman Fleming exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual and winter);
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which she served on several panels;
- Current Issues 2011, Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University, where she served as moderator;
- Webinars - State of Efforts to Manage the Accident at Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Site and Implications for the U.S. Nuclear Industry, and FERC’s Proposed Regional Planning Rule, on which she moderated the discussion;
- Electric Infrastructure Security Summit, during which she served on a panel discussing government perspectives;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum;
- Ethics Seminar;
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars held in Columbia, S.C.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Fleming is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee’s review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Fleming.

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Elizabeth “Lib” Fleming
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fourth Congressional District
Review Period: September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010

Chairman Fleming was initially elected March 3, 2004, and was most recently reelected May 19, 2010. During her tenure, she has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues. She is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. She is the chairman for NARUC’s Committee on Critical Infrastructure and a member of NARUC’s: Board of Directors, Committee on Electricity, and White House Smart Grid Working Group. She also serves as an advisory council member for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. She is a member of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC) and of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Council Sector Steering Council. She serves as the secretary for the EISPC’s Executive Committee.

Chairman Fleming exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs and events:

- NARUC meetings (winter, summer and annual);
- Fundamentals of Electricity Law, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Smart Grid;
- Ethics seminar;
- SEARUC annual meeting;
- Fundamentals of Electricity Regulation in South Carolina;
- FERC’s Proposed Regional Planning Rule: *Small Step, Giant Leap or Both?* (webinar);
- Various ex parte briefings;
- Provided the commission update at the SC Telephone Association at its fall conference and spring convention; and
- Keynote speaker for the Edison Electric Institute Member Representative Breakfast.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Chairman Fleming is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee’s review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Chairman Fleming.

WILLIAM "KEVIN" NEWMAN

Address: 362 Copper Creek Circle
Inman, SC 29349

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Newman is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Administration in 1994. Mr. Newman has attended a number of continuing education courses and training programs over the past five years, including the Advanced Municipal Elected Officials Institute, the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government, the Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting, and the Rural Communities Leadership Development Program.

Mr. Newman has been the manager of The Frame House and Gallery since 2004. From 1996-2004, he was a travel consultant with AAA Carolinas. From 1993-1996, he worked various hotels as desk clerk and auditor. Mr. Newman's has served as a Inman City Council member since 2006, and currently serves as the Mayor Pro-tem.

Test Score:

Mr. Newman received an overall score of 86.

General Qualifications:

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

Justification for Qualification

Pursuant to Section 58-3-20(B), the members of the Review Committee voted to find Mr. Newman to be a qualified candidate. Although it was not clear from Mr. Newman's application that he possesses "a background of substantial duration and expertise" in the areas listed in Section 58-3-20(A)(2), he indicated in his interview that he has been exposed to a number of relevant areas during his service as an Inman City councilmember, including: (a) consumer advocacy in the performance of constituent services; (b) wastewater with Inman's wastewater treatment plant; (c) reviewing engineering and legal documents that come before the Inman City

Council; and (d) finance as he and his fellow council members work to balance services with the funding received by the city. (see Transcript pg. 111-114; 123-125). In addition, Mr. Newman did exceptionally well on the written exam, scoring on par with the incumbent commissioners. As with each candidate, the Review Committee considered Mr. Newman's background and circumstances in their totality. The high test score further indicates that Mr. Newman possesses the capability to learn and apply information on matters that come before the Public Service Commission. These factors, in addition to the other statutorily required considerations of a candidate, led the Review Committee to find Mr. Newman to be a qualified candidate.

JOHN MAXCY "MAX" COCHRAN, JR

Address: 112 Woodland Way
Greenville, SC 29601

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Cochran was evaluated as being **BELOW AVERAGE** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Cochran received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1958. He received a Master of Sciences in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1964. Mr. Cochran has passed the Series 7 and 63 Federal and State Securities Regulations Exams in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

Mr. Cochran is currently a senior advisor at Watermark Advisors, LLC and has held that position since 2009. From 1999 to 2009, he was a product manager at Louis P. Batson, Co. From 1999 to 2009, he was a Product Manager at Louis P. Batson, Co. From 1998 to 1999 he was the chairman and CEO of Contract Packaging Resources, Inc. From 1996 to 1998, he was the executive vice-president of Digital Recorders, Inc. From 1989 to 1995, he was the president of Highland Yarn Mills, Inc. From 1987-1989, he was employed in the field of electrical engineering and design at Texfi Industries, Inc. From 1967-1987, he was employed in the area of electrical engineering and design with Frontier Electronics. He worked for Burlington Industries from 1964-1967 in electrical engineering and design. From 1961-1964, he worked in electrical engineering and design at M.I.T. Instrumentation Laboratory.

Mr. Cochran served in the US Navy from 1958 to 1961 and in the US Navy Reserve from 1961 to 1967.

Test Score:

Mr. Cochran received an overall score of 53.

General Qualifications:

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

CANDIDATE FOR SEAT 6

NIKIYA "NIKKI" M. HALL

Address: 5003 Holmes Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203

Overall Recommendation:

Ms. Hall was evaluated as **OUTSTANDING** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Hall is a graduate of Spelman College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2000. She received a Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2004.

Ms. Hall has served as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission since 2010. From 2007 to 2010, she served as a Magistrate's Judge for Richland County. From 2005 to 2007, she served as a Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. She was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable L. Casey Manning, of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, from 2004 to 2005.

Ms. Hall is a member of the South Carolina Bar and has inactive status membership in the Georgia Bar. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where she serves as Chair of the Utility Market Access Subcommittee, past Chair of Washington Action (2013-2014), and is also a member of the Energy Resources and Environment Committee. She is also a current member of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition.

Test Score:

Ms. Hall received an overall score of 84.

General Qualifications:

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

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Nikki Hall
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Sixth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Commissioner Hall was initially elected to the commission on May 19, 2010. She is an active member of NARUC. Commissioner Hall is a member of NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee, is the vice chair of the Utility Market Access Committee, and is the co-chair of the Washington Action Committee. Commissioner Hall has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hall exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs:

- NARUC meetings (annual and winter);
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Vogtle Nuclear Study Tour;
- Eastern Utility Rate School;
- SEARUC Summit and annual conference; and
- Various ex parte briefings and workshops, including ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Hall is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Hall.

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Nikki Hall
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Sixth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Commissioner Hall was initially elected to the commission on May 19, 2010. She is an active member of NARUC. Commissioner Hall is a member of NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee, is the co-vice chair of the Utility Market Access Committee, and was recently appointed to serve on the Washington Action Committee. Commissioner Hall has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hall exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs:

- NARUC meetings (annual, summer and winter);
- Wall Street Dialogue;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- NARUC Energy Efficiency Training;
- SEARUC meetings, in which she moderated a panel at one of the meetings;
- American Association of Blacks in Energy Annual Conference, at which she was a panelist; and
- Various ex parte briefings and workshops, including ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Hall is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Hall.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Nikki Hall

South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Sixth Congressional District

Review Period: July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Commissioner Hall was initially elected to the commission on May 19, 2010. She is an active member of NARUC. Commissioner Hall is a member of NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee and the subcommittee on Utility Marketplace Access. During her short tenure, Commissioner Hall has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hall exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs:

- Camp NARUC at the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University;
- NARUC New Commissioner Training;
- SEARUC Annual Meeting, at which she spoke on the NARUC Utility Marketplace Access Subcommittee.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Hall is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Hall.

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Nikki Hall
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: District 6
Review Period: June 16, 2010 - August 31, 2010

Commissioner Hall was elected to the commission on May 19, 2010, and began her role as a commissioner on June 16, 2010. Commissioner Hall is a member of NARUC's Energy Resources and the Environment Committee. During her short tenure, Commissioner Hall has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand her understanding of public utilities issues.

Commissioner Hall exhibits a desire to increase her knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. She attended the following educational programs:

- NARUC summer meeting;
- Camp NARUC at the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University;
- Electricity Emerging Educational Issues workshop; and
- Emerging and Foundational Issues in the Electric Utility Sector.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Hall is courteous to all persons appearing before her, is impartial in her treatment of persons appearing before her, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Hall.