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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 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 April 18, 2016 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: www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2016PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInformation/FinalizedTranscriptApril282016.pdf.

The Review Committee met on May 3, 2016 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, Friday, May 13, 2016. 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 13, 2016. 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 Jamey Goldin 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas C. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Alexander" clearly legible.

Thomas C. Alexander

**PSC REVIEW COMMITTEE 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 7 expire on June 30, 2016. The Review Committee issued a press release announcing the vacancies on January 2, 2016. The Review Committee received applications from 12 persons. Three persons withdrew prior to the public hearing and two persons 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 that 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 18, 2016 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 58-3-20(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.

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' Review Committee 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 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. As for incumbent commissioners, 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 or she is to fill on the commission is such that his or her 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 1:	John E. "Butch" Howard Carolyn L. "Carolee" Williams
SEAT 3:	Comer "Randy" Randall, III
SEAT 5:	William "Billy" Hagner Swain E. Whitfield
SEAT 7:	G. O'Neal Hamilton

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 1

JOHN E. "BUTCH" HOWARD

Address: 108 Waterfront Drive
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 20461

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Howard was evaluated as **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 initially elected to the Public Service Commission in 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 NARUC Board of Directors, and he previously served on this board from 2010-2013. Mr. Howard also serves as Chairman for the NARUC Subcommittee on Education and Research, the Water Research Foundation Public Council Advisory Board, the New Mexico State University Center of Public Utilities Advisory Board, the Government Coordinating Council Water Sector, and the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board with the University of Missouri's College of Business. He is also involved in a number of community organizations.

Prior to serving on the Commission, Mr. Howard worked in a number of sales positions. From 2000-2004, he was employed by Wulburn & Koval, and from 1998-2000, he was employed by Corporate Express. Both of these positions dealt with office supplies and office furniture. From 1984-1998, Mr. Howard worked in trucking sales for aggregate and hazard waste with the following companies: Ford Brother Sales (1993-1998), Williams Trucking Company (1991-1993), Felder Trucking Company (1989-1991), and Sheppard Trucking Company (1984-1989). From 1981-1984, Mr. Howard was the part owner and vice-president of sales for Williams & Howard Printing. From 1977-1981, he was a sales manager for Ashley/Comprint. From 1966-1977, Mr. Howard was a print manager with RL Bryan.

Test Score:

Mr. Howard received an overall score of 88.

General Qualifications:

- Mr. Howard was evaluated to be of **ABOVE AVERAGE TO 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.

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Performance Evaluation

John E. "Butch" Howard
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: First Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Commissioner Howard was initially elected to the Commission on March 3, 2004 and was reelected on May 1, 2013. 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 serves on the following NARUC committees: Education and Research Subcommittee (vice-chair), Clean Coal Committee, and the Water Committee. As a member of the Education and Research Subcommittee, he serves as the liason between NARUC and Michigan State for their rate schools. He is a member of the New Mexico State University Current Issues Advisory Council, which develops the curriculum for the Current Issues Forum. Commissioner Howard also serves as a member of the Water Research Foundation Public Advisory Board and on the Office of Homeland Security's Government Coordinating Council - Water Sector as a NARUC representative.

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 (summer, annual, and winter);
- SEARUC annual meeting and Commissioners Only Conference;
- NAWC Water Policy Forum;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum;
- ACLP of the New York School of Law, which meets annually to discuss current utility issues and the impact these issues and related actions would have on states;
- EUCI Southern Clean Power Conference, during which he spoke about the implementation of Act 236;
- New England Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, during which he moderated a panel on state water plans;
- Two sessions of the rate schools for NARUC and Michigan State;
- Various training sessions, including statutorily required ethics training.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and commission employees, Commissioner Howard is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, has a positive effect 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 Howard.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

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

Seat: First Congressional District

Review Period: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Commissioner Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004 and was most recently reelected on May 1, 2013. 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 serves on the following NARUC committees: Clean Coal, Education & Research, and International Relations. Commissioner Howard is on the Public Policy Advisory Board of the Water Research Foundation. He is the former chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water and a former member of 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:

- SNL Power Evaluation, which covered various gas and electric rate and regulatory issues;
- NARUC meetings (summer, annual and winter);
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Department of Energy Efficiency Workshop;
- NAWC Water Summit;
- NARUC Rate School, for which he serves as the liaison for NARUC on the rate school faculty;
- Advanced Communication Law Policy of the New York School of Law conference;
- EUCI Southern Clean Power Conference, in which he participated by describing South Carolina's role in clean energy;
- NAWC Commissioners Only conference;
- Wall Street Dialogue seminar;
- Critical Consumers Issues Forum, during which the focus was on distributive electric generation;

and

- Various ex parte briefings, workshops and seminars, including statutory required sessions on ethics.

Commissioner Howard received a Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education from NARUC and Michigan State University. This is a new certificate, of which Commissioner Howard is the first NARUC Commissioner to receive this designation.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Howard is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, has a positive effect 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 Howard.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

John E. "Butch" Howard
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: First Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Commissioner Howard was initially elected to the commission on March 3, 2004 and was reelected on May 1, 2013. 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; serves on the following NARUC committees: Clean Coal, Education & Research, and International Relations. He is the former chairman of the NARUC Committee on Water and a former member of 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;
- Declining Water Consumption, a "think tank" to discuss declining water consumption and its impact on declining revenues;
- NAWC Water Summit;
- NARUC Water Rate Schools, in which he represented NARUC's Education and Research Committee on the faculty;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only conference, during which he moderated a panel on issues facing small water systems;
- Commissions Chat, sponsored by Barclay Investors, during which he participated on a panel;
- SEARUC conference; and
- Numerous ex parte briefings, workshops and seminars, including ethics, held in Columbia.

Commissioner Howard serves on the Current Issues Advisory Council, which is sponsored by New Mexico State University. He is a NARUC appointee to the Water Research Foundation and to the Government Coordinating Council-Water Sector.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Howard is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, has a positive effect on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the commission. The subcommittee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Howard.

CAROLYN L. "CAROLEE" WILLIAMS

Address: 7 Beverly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29407

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Williams graduated from Wake Forest University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Ms. Williams then obtained a Master degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia in 1982.

Ms. Williams has been Project Manager for the Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability for the City of Charleston since 1992. In her capacity as Project Manager, she is involved in a number of areas, including, but not limited to, representing the City of Charleston on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Renewable Energy Task Force, representing the City of Charleston in its Resilience Initiatives, and managing Charleston's "Green Business Challenge," which supports businesses as they work to reduce waste, and energy and water use, as well as coordinated Charleston's green initiatives. From 1986-1992, Ms. Williams served as the Planning Administrator for the Department of Planning and Urban Development for the City of Charleston. From 1989-1992, she was an instructor in urban planning for the College of Charleston. From 1985-1986, she was a planner for the City Planning Department of Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1982-1985, she was employed as a planner for Charleston's Department of Planning and Urban Development.

Ms. Williams is a member of the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the Southeast Sustainability Director's Network. She is also a Board Member on the Southeastern Sustainability Director's Network. She is also involved in a number of community organizations.

Test Score:

Ms. Williams received an overall score of 90.

General Qualifications:

- Ms. Williams was evaluated to be of **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 **OUTSTANDING** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Ms. Williams was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.

- Ms. Williams was evaluated to have **ABOVE AVERAGE** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

CANDIDATE FOR SEAT 3

COMER H. "RANDY" RANDALL, III

Address: 306 West Maple St.
Clinton, South Carolina 29325

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Randall was evaluated as **OUTSTANDING** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Randall received a Bachelor of Science degree from Presbyterian College in 1975. In 1979, Mr. Randall received his Master of Education degree from the University of Georgia.

Mr. Randall has served on the Public Service Commission since 2013. He is a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Mr. Randall serves on NARUC's Water Committee, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and Task Force on Transportation. He is also involved in community organizations.

Prior to serving on the Commission, Mr. Randall had been employed by Presbyterian College from 1992-2013. During this time, Mr. Randall served as director in various positions regarding student activities and alumni relations, including the Executive Director of Alumni and Community Relations. From 1990-1992, Mr. Randall was a sales representative with Jacobs Press. From 1977-1989, he served in a number of positions at Presbyterian College.

Mr. Randall was the mayor of Clinton from 2003-2013. He also served on the Clinton City Council from 1996-2003. Mr. Randall was a member of the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency Board from 2004-2013, and served as its chairman for three of those years. He was a member of the American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council from 2006-2013 and served as its National Chairman, as well as on the Board of Directors, from 2011-2012. Mr. Randall also served as Chair of the Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority from 2003-2013.

Test Score:

Mr. Randall received an overall score of 94.

General Qualifications:

- Mr. Randall was evaluated to be of **ABOVE AVERAGE TO OUTSTANDING** 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 **OUTSTANDING** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated as having **OUTSTANDING** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.

- Mr. Randall was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated integrity (including the maintenance of personal financial affairs) for service on the commission.
- Mr. Randall was evaluated to have **OUTSTANDING** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

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Performance Evaluation

Comer "Randy" Randall, III
South Carolina Public Service Commission

Seat: Third Congressional District

Review Period: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Commissioner Randall was initially elected on May 1, 2013. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. During the review period, Commissioner Randall was an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He serves on the NARUC Committee on Water and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues - Waste Disposal.

Commissioner Randall attended various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual, and winter);
- Camp NARUC, during which he received a certificate of completion for the advanced studies program;
- NARUC Grid School;
- SEARUC Commissioners Only Summit;
- SEARUC Annual Meeting, during which he participated on a panel on water issues;
- National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) National Water Summit, during which he gave a presentation on water issues relevant to South Carolina;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he gave a presentation on electricity issues;
- NAWC Commissioners Water Policy Forum, during which he served on a panel regarding water issues;
- Courses towards a Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education;
- Various training sessions and workshops, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and commission employees, Commissioner Randall is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Randall.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

Comer "Randy" Randall, III
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Third Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Commissioner Randall was initially elected May 1, 2013. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. During the review period, Commissioner Randall was an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He serves on the NARUC Committee on Gas and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste.

Commissioner Randall exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs and seminars. He attended various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual and winter);
- Camp NARUC;
- NARUC Utility Rate School;
- NARUC New Commissioner's Orientation;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum Summit, with a focus on distributed generation;
- SEARUC meetings (summit and annual meeting);
- Southeast Regulatory Policy Exercise;
- Various training sessions and workshops, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Randall is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Randall.

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 5

WILLIAM J. "BILLY" HAGNER

Address: 1901 Voyager Road
York, South Carolina 29745

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Hagner obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana Tech University in Mechanical Engineering in 1970. He obtained an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University in 1990.

Mr. Hagner was employed by Resolute paper mill (formerly Bowater) from 1981 until his retirement in 2010. During his employment with Resolute, he served as a supervisor in the power/utilities department, as well as a power/utility superintendent/manager. While at Resolute, Mr. Hagner worked in a cogeneration biomass facility where he managed electrical purchase power contracts, as well as natural gas contracts. This facility also had water treatment and waste treatment facilities. From 1970-1981, Mr. Hagner was employed by International Paper Company, in which he served in the engineering department, and as a supervisor in the power/utility department.

Mr. Hagner currently serves on the York County Natural Gas Authority Board. He is also an election poll manager in York County. Mr. Hagner is a former company representative to the Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee (1995-2010) and the South Carolina Energy Users Committee (1995-2010). Mr. Hagner is involved in a number of community organizations.

Test Score:

Mr. Hagner received an overall score of 70.

General Qualifications:

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

- Mr. Hagner was evaluated to have **AVERAGE** substantive knowledge of the operations of the commission.

SWAIN E. WHITFIELD

Address: 124 Palmetto Place Lane
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as **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.

Mr. Whitfield was initially elected to the Public Service Commission in 2008, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the commission. He is a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), and serves on NARUC's Committee on Gas, the Washington Action Committee, and the Nuclear Waste Subcommittee. He also serves as the Vice-Chairman of NARUC's Critical Infrastructure committee. Mr. Whitfield was recently appointed to the NARUC-US Department of Energy's gas infrastructure modernization partnership. Mr. Whitfield is the second Vice-President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, as well as the Vice-President of the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board. He is also involved in community organizations.

Prior to serving on the Commission, Mr. Whitfield was the President of Whitfield Transportation, Inc., a company which he founded and managed from 1991-2008. From 1990-1991, Mr. Whitfield was employed by Senn Trucking Company. From 1987-1990, he was employed by Youmans Transportation, Inc. as an operations manager. Mr. Whitfield was a member of the John De La Howe School Board of Trustees from 2006-2008. He also served on the Winnsboro City Council from 1995-1999, as well as the Fairfield Substance Abuse Commission from 1994-1996.

Test Score:

Mr. Whitfield received an overall score of 95.

General Qualifications:

- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated to be of **OUTSTANDING** 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** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Whitfield was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated 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.

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Performance Evaluation

Swain E. Whitfield
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fifth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Commissioner Whitfield was initially elected on July 1, 2008 and was reelected on May 1, 2013. 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 vice-chairman of the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure. He is also a member of NARUC's Washington Action Committee, Committee on Gas and Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal subcommittee. Commissioner Whitfield serves as vice-chair on the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board (GTI). He was elected as SEARUC's Second Vice-President in June, 2015. Commissioner Whitfield served as the PSC's vice-chair during the review period.

Commissioner Whitfield exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual, and winter);
- SEARUC Summit and Annual Meeting;
- Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Education (Tier 1) received from the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University;
- GTI Advisory Board meeting;
- Piedmont Municipal Power Agency Power Conference, where he was a keynote speaker;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he served on a panel regarding EPA Greenhouse Gas Rules and carbon regulations;
- Wall Street Dialogue;
- Natural Gas Symposium;
- Winnsboro Rotary Club, at which he spoke about the PSC and gave an update on energy issues and the pending EPA regulations;
- Various ex parte briefings, forums and seminars, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and commission employees, Commissioner Whitfield is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Whitfield.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

Swain E. Whitfield
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fifth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Commissioner Whitfield was initially elected on July 1, 2008 and was reelected on May 1, 2013. 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 co vice-chairman of the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure. He is also a member of NARUC's Washington Action Committee, Committee on Gas and Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal subcommittee. Commissioner Whitfield serves as a board member to the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board.

Commissioner Whitfield exhibits a desire to increase his knowledge and skills by attending educational programs. He attended various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network's Southeast Regulatory Policy Exercise;
- Babcock & Wilcox small modular nuclear reactor facility tour, sponsored by NARUC and DOE;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum, with a focus on distributed generation issues;
- SEARUC meetings (annual meeting and summit);
- Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board meetings;
- FBI Cyber Security Briefing;
- IPU's Grid School;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he participated on a panel that discussed grid issues;
- Financial Community visit to Wall Street, sponsored by the American Gas Association and NARUC;
- National Petroleum Council Stakeholder Engagement Session;
- State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network's Southeast Regulatory Policy Exercise; and
- Various ex parte briefings, forums and seminars, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Commissioner Whitfield is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Whitfield.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

Swain E. Whitfield
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: At-Large Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Commissioner Whitfield was initially elected on July 1, 2008 and was reelected on May 1, 2013. 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 NARUC's Pipeline Safety Task Force, Washington Action Committee and 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), and he moderated a panel for the Gas Committee on Natural Gas long term contracts at the annual meeting ;
- SEARUC meeting;
- Amos Coal Fired Plant tour, sponsored by NARUC;
- NAWC Annual Water Summit;
- Vogtle Nuclear plant tour, sponsored by NARUC; and
- Various ex parte briefings, forums and seminars, including ethics.

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

CANDIDATES FOR SEAT 7

CLARA LEWIS BROCKINGTON

Address: 3301 East Bennett Drive
Florence, South Carolina 29506

Overall Recommendation:

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

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Brockington received an Associate Paralegal degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College in 1975. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Social Work in 1996 from Limestone College and a Master degree in Social Work from the University of South Carolina in 2003.

Ms. Brockington has worked for Domestic Violence Courts, a business entity, as a program director since February 2003. From 1996-1999, she was a supervisor at Lee Correctional Institution. From 1995-1996, she worked as a coordinator with Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs. From 1990-1995, she was employed as a social worker at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Prior to 1990, she was a counselor at S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department. Ms. Brockington is a member of Future Business Leaders of America and the National Association of Social Workers. Ms. Brockington is also involved in community organizations.

Test Score:

Ms. Brockington received an overall score of 21.

General Qualifications:

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

G. O'NEAL HAMILTON

Address: 706 Lakeshore Drive
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512

Overall Recommendation:

Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as **OUTSTANDING** qualification to serve on the Public Service Commission.

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Mr. Hamilton graduated from North Greenville Junior College in 1953, with an Associate degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Hamilton was initially elected to the Public Service Commission in 2004. He is a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Mr. Hamilton was an agency manager with Farm Bureau Insurance from 1977-2003. Prior to 1977, he was an agency manager with the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Mr. Hamilton served on the Marlboro County Council from 1992-2004, as well as the South Carolina Highway Commission from 1990-1992. Mr. Hamilton also served on Bennettsville City Council from 1978-1990.

Test Score:

Mr. Hamilton received an overall score of 86.

General Qualifications:

- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated to be of **OUTSTANDING** 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 **OUTSTANDING** knowledge of and compliance with legal and ethical constraints regarding service on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as having **OUTSTANDING** demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service on the commission.
- Mr. Hamilton was evaluated as being **ADEQUATE** in demonstrated 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.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

G. O'Neal Hamilton
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Seventh Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 1, 2013. Commissioner Hamilton is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors and is an advisor to the NARUC Gas Committee. He is a member of NARUC's Committee on Telecommunications and the subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal. Commissioner Hamilton is a member of the North American Numbering Council. 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 various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual, and winter);
- SEARUC Summit;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum Summit;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum;
- Various ex parte briefings and workshops, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and commission employees, Commissioner Hamilton is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Hamilton.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

G. O'Neal Hamilton
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Seventh Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Chairman Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 1, 2013. He served as the PSC's chairman during the review period. Chairman Hamilton is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors and serves as an advisor to the NARUC Gas Committee. Chairman Hamilton is a member of the North American Numbering Council. 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 various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (annual, summer and winter);
- SEARUC summit;
- SC Energy Users Committee;
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum Summit; and
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars, including statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the commission and commission employees, Chairman Hamilton is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, 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 Hamilton.

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Performance Evaluation

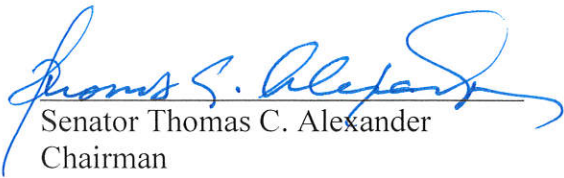
G. O'Neal Hamilton
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Seat: Fifth Congressional District
Review Period: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

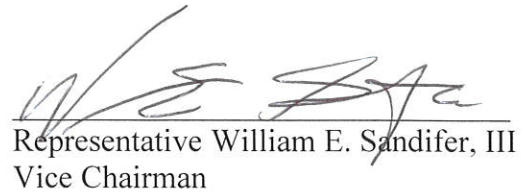
Commissioner Hamilton was initially elected on March 3, 2004, and was reelected on May 1, 2013. He is an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council Advisory Committee (NPC) and the Gas Technology Institute Advisory Board. He serves as an advisor to the NARUC Gas Committee and is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. 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 summit and annual meeting;
- NAWC Water Summit;
- Gas Technology Institute, Public Advisory Committee;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum; and
- Various ex parte briefings and seminars, including ethics.

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

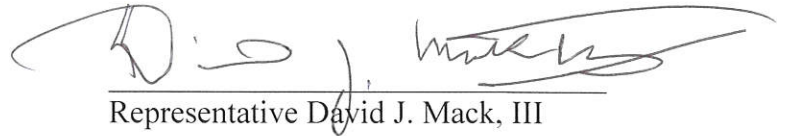

Senator Thomas C. Alexander
Chairman

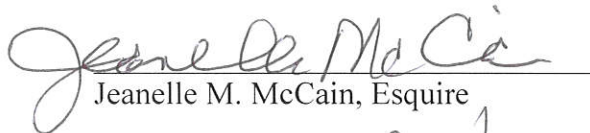

Representative William E. Sandifer, III
Vice Chairman

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Erik H. Ebersole

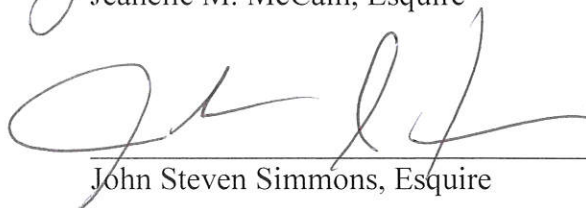

Representative P. Michael Forrester

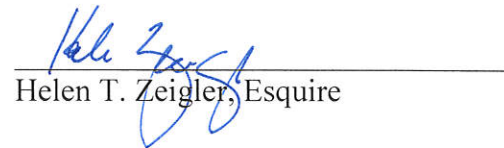

Senator C. Bradley Hutto


Representative David J. Mack, III


Jeanelle M. McCain, Esquire

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Senator Luke A. Rankin, Sr.


John Steven Simmons, Esquire


Helen T. Zeigler, Esquire