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August 18, 2011

Mr. Les Parker
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
835 Assembly Street, Room 865
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Parker,

The purpose of this letter is to express the concern of the North Carolina-South Carolina Catawba Wateree Bi-State Commission (Commission) over the pending permit application for the Catawba River Water Supply Project (P/N # SAC-2009-00369-51K) in Lancaster County, South Carolina. The Catawba Wateree Bi-State Commission is established in the General Statutes of both North and South Carolina and is composed of members of the General Assemblies from both States and local and municipal authorities that share a common interest in the management of the water resources in the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. As such, we are extremely interested in the potential impacts that the proposed Lancaster County project could have on the finite water resources of this river basin.

It is our understanding that the official public comment period for the permit application ended on August 12, 2011. However, it is our further understanding that you, as the project manager, are willing to review any comments submitted by this Commission prior to November 1, 2011, and will incorporate these comments into the Army Corps of Engineer's final decision on the proposed permit application.

In order to facilitate the Commission's discussion of this important issue and in an effort to formulate an informed opinion on this matter, a special meeting of the Bi-State Commission has been scheduled for October 7, 2011. At this meeting the Commission will invite the project sponsor to provide an overview of the proposed reservoir project and will also invite a party opposed to the issuance of the project permit to provide a briefing of their views. Your attendance at this meeting would also be most beneficial, if you are available. The meeting will be held in Rock Hill, SC, and will probably commence at 10:30 am. Further details will be provided to you if you are able to attend.

We thank you for your willingness to work with and assist the Catawba-Wateree Bi-State Commission in the execution of its appointed duties. We look forward to working with you on this issue that is of such importance to both North and South Carolina and to all of the citizens that reside in the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Reeder, of the NC of Water Resources, at 919-715-3045 or tom.reeder@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

Austin Allran, Chairman