BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2008-196-E - ORDER NO. 2008-601

AUGUST 26, 2008

IN RE: Combined Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order for the Construction and Operation of a Nuclear Facility in Jenkinsville, South Carolina

ORDER APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Commission's Motion to appoint Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present docket regarding South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's combined application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order for the Construction and Operation of a Nuclear Facility. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2007).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and
other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

We find that Jocelyn G. Boyd meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant the Motion appointing her as hearing officer in this case. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Ms. Boyd to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Jocelyn G. Boyd is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2008-196-E regarding the combined application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a base load review order for the construction and operation of a nuclear facility for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature]
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

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John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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