This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the matter of appointing standing hearing officers. This Commission believes that a number of procedural or non-dispositive matters from various dockets without assigned hearing officers may come up and need rulings between our Commission business meetings. If this Commission is not available to rule on such matters, it appears that we need to appoint standing hearing officers under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2009) who can rule, subject to review by this Commission at the next available business meeting upon request by a party to the affected dockets. Accordingly, this Commission hereby appoints Jocelyn Boyd, Joseph Melchers, and David Butler as standing hearing officers, and directs them to rule on any procedural or non-dispositive matters that may come up in dockets without appointed hearing officers between Commission business meetings. Again, any rulings made by these hearing officers will be subject to review by this Commission at the next available business meeting upon request by a party to the specific docket ruled upon.
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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