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Subject: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Urquhart Generating Station
Coal Combustion Residue Impoundment
EPA Dam Assessment Report (November 2011) – Recommendation
Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) hereby files electronically its implementation plans regarding the recommendations described in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Final Urquhart Generating Station Coal Combustion Residual Impoundment Round 9 – Dam Assessment Report (November 2011) and requested in its January 12, 2012 letter. Following are the EPA recommendations and SCE&G's proposed implementation plan.

1.2.1 Recommendations Regarding the Maintenance and Methods of Operation

EPA Recommendation: *An action plan should be developed to address removal of woody vegetation along the downstream slope. Specifically, SCE&G needs to:*

- *Remove brush from the downstream slope*
- *Address minor rutting along crest and avoid vehicular traffic along crest*

SCE&G Implementation Plan: Both recommendations are complete. All brush has been removed from the downstream slope and minor ruts along the crest of the embankment have been repaired. The ash pond embankments have already been incorporated into the plant's regular vegetation control and road maintenance programs. In an effort to minimize vehicular traffic along the crest of the embankment, a program was implemented at the plant which limits embankment access to only vehicles required for ash pond maintenance and operations.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact Mr. William Argentieri at (803) 217-9162 or by email at bargentieri@scana.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James M. Landreth".

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