BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BO UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WASHINGTON, D.C.

E GENC CLERK ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL

In re:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Cope Station

NPDES Appeal No. 06-09

Permit No. SC00457752

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO STAY THE PETITION

On August 24, 2006, the parties in the above-captioned matter, U.S. EPA Region IV (the "Region") and South Carolina Electric & Gas, filed a joint motion requesting to stay the proceedings in this case and extend the Region's response to the petition until September 29, 2006. The current deadline for the Region to file its response is Tuesday, August 29, 2006. The Region explains that the primary permit writer of the permit in question is out of the office on a family emergency and that she is critical to EPA's finalizing its response. In addition, the parties offer that they believe discussions between the parties would be beneficial to the review of the issues. Therefore, the parties request that their joint motion be granted to allow further discussions among the parties. For good cause shown, the Board hereby grants the parties' request to stay the proceedings and extend the Region's deadline for filing its response until September 29, 2006. The Region must now file its response to the petition on or before Friday, September 29, 2006.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: Avjost 28,2006

By:_

Kathie A. Stein Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Granting Joint Motion to Stay the Petition in the matter of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Cope Station, NPDES Appeal No. 06-09, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

By First Class Mail Postage Prepaid and via fax:

Philip G. Mancusi-Ungaro Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region IV Atlanta Federal Center Atlanta, Georgi 30303-8960 Fax #: (404) 562-9664 Phone: (404) 562-9519

By First Class Mail Postage Prepaid:

AUG 2 8 2006

Elizabeth B. Partlow, Esq. Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Steward, P.C. 1320 Main Street, Suite 600 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone #: (803)252-1300

Thomas G. Eppink, Esq. Assistant General Counsel SCANA Corporation 1426 Main Street Columbia, SC 29218 Phone #: (803)217-9448

Dated:

incan

Secretary