

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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In re: South Carolina Electric & Gas)
Company – Cope Station) NPDES Appeal No. 06-09
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NPDES Permit No. SC 0045772)
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JOINT MOTION TO STAY THE PETITION

Counsel for Petitioner, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 jointly request that the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) stay all proceedings in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, EPA offers that its primary permit writer, Ms. Karrie-Jo Shell, was called out of the office this week and next on a family emergency. Ms. Shell is critical to EPA's finalizing its response. In addition, the parties offer that they believe that discussions between the parties would be beneficial to the review of these issues, and may result in resolution of one or both of the issues. Accordingly, the parties request a stay until September 29, 2006, for EPA to file its Response to the Petition.

For the reasons set forth above, and in the interest of judicial economy, counsel for the Parties respectively request that the Joint Motion for a Stay of the Petition pending further discussions among the parties be granted by the Environmental Appeals Board.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of August, 2006.

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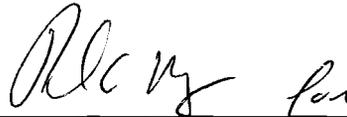
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