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

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In re: Easley Combined Utilities		NPDES Appeal No. 06-10
NPDES Permit No. SC0039853)	
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STATUS REPORT

On January 12, 2007, in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Notification of Intent to Withdraw Portions of NPDES Permit (Notification), the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) issued an Order Staying Proceedings and Establishing Status Report Schedule. Under that Order, the second Status Report is due on April 1, 2007. As reported in the Notification, there are multiple steps in the permit modification process. EPA sent the informal draft to the permittee requesting comments. EPA received those comments from the permittee and modified the draft permit to address some of the issues permittee raised. EPA issued the formal draft permit for public comment on March 16th, seeking comments within 30 days. EPA also requested State Section 401 certification at the same time, which under state law may take 60 days. EPA anticipates staying on the schedule proposed in the Notification with a proposed issuance date of May 15th, 2007.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of March, 2007.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, Region 4

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