

Attachment C

Letters of Local Support

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South Carolina Department of Commerce
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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
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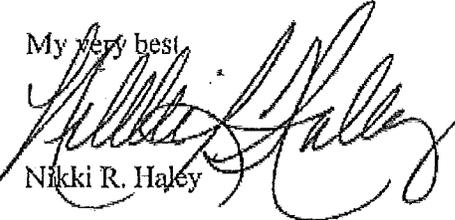
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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion. Should you have any questions, please contact Clark Packard in my office at clarkpackard@gov.sc.gov. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/cp

James I. Newsome, III
President and Chief Executive Officer



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Sincerely,

Jim Newsome

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November 14, 2014

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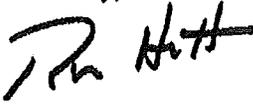
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Robert M. Hitt III

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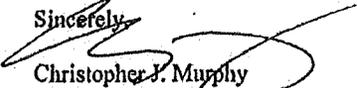
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November 5, 2014

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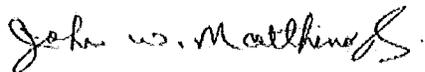
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Sincerely,

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November 20, 2014

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October 15, 2014

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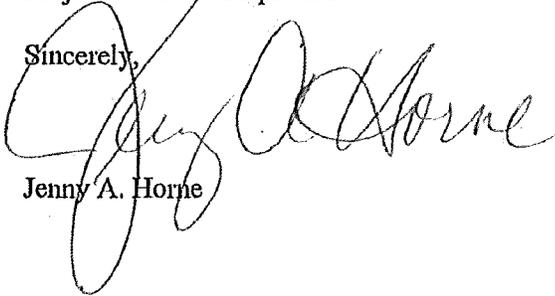
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Patsy G. Knight

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November 24, 2014

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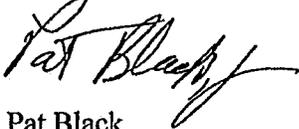
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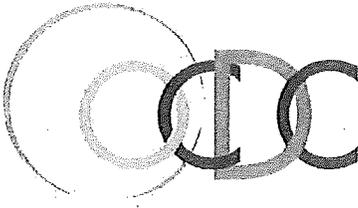
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C. Gregory Robinson, Executive Director

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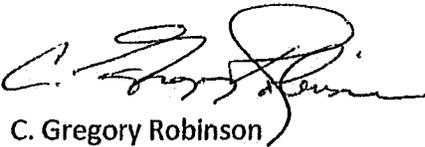
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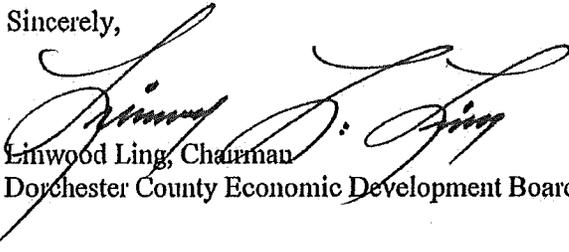


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Linwood Ling, Chairman
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ORANGEBURG COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITIES GROWING TOGETHER

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Dede C. Cook
President

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the Chamber
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November 14, 2014

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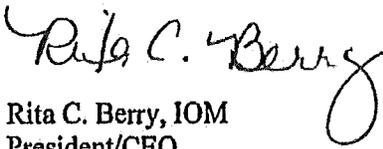
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Rita C. Berry, IOM
President/CEO



THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Among the most concerned groups is the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce, organized in 1992 to serve the exact same region of the state that the LMRWA is now serving a portion of and will, when completed, serve all of the Chamber's service area. The Chamber Board of Directors and Members fully support the LMRWA as it is vitally important to the improvement of our citizens' lives.

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Teresa M. Hatchell, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce

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November 18, 2014

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Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments, a regional organization serving six counties, some of which are directly impacted by the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (Authority), endorses the Proposal for Modification of the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMWRA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress. This regional project – and its Federal funding – have been made possible by the strong collaboration and cooperation of numerous public and private stakeholders, such as Lower Savannah, as well as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper, government and non-government entities, business and industry and many other concerned groups and individual citizens.

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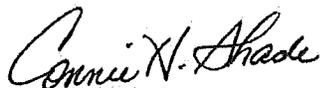
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Sincerely,



Connie H. Shade
Executive Director



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October 15, 2014

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Ronald E. Mitchum
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Sincerely,

G. Michael Briggs
President and CEO



CHARLESTON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE
Berkeley, Charleston & Dorchester Counties

November 24, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
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108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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David T. Ginn
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This project is essential for the health and safety of the region and its citizens. Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your support of this Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,



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November 10, 2014

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Lonnie N. Carter

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THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

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November 25, 2014

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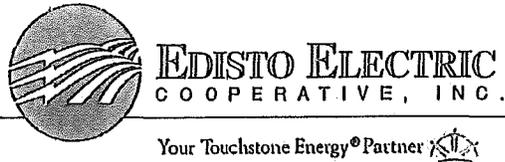
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Mike Couick
President and CEO



November 4, 2014

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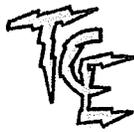
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David E. Felkel
President/CEO



**TRI-COUNTY
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"Owned by those we proudly serve"

November 18, 2014

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Chad T. Lowder
Chief Executive Officer

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October 24, 2014

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Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

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Tres Atkinson
Fire Chief

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November 25, 2014

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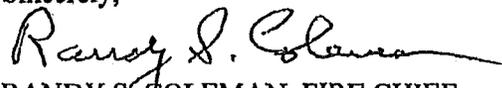
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Sincerely,

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RANDY S. COLEMAN, FIRE CHIEF

ORANGEBURG COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I serve as the Director of Fire Services for the Orangeburg County Fire District since 1997 and am writing to endorse the Proposal for Modification of the LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SC PROJECT (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMWRA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress.

To the extent of the current authorization, LMRWA is enhancing the quality of life in a good portion of this decades-long underserved region by supporting fire suppression and other public safety services, as well as foster economic growth.

Every day I see the effects of having non-hydranted areas of our county, in which case we have to rely heavily on our 100% volunteer firefighter workforce responding water tankers from surrounding departments. With the number of volunteers declining throughout South Carolina, we must hope that we will have enough staffing to set-up an effective water shuttle to save a life or at least try to stop the advance of the fire and give the family a little something to save and cherish. With the completion of this project and the addition of fire hydrants to the affected area, we will be able effectively save more lives and property.

Orangeburg County has also made significant reductions in Insurance Service Office (ISO) ratings due to the addition of the water system providing by the LMRWA, which has resulted in significant insurance premium savings of more than \$800,000 dollars per year which goes directly back into the pockets of the residents and businesses of Orangeburg County.

Furthermore, the completion of this project will provide safe and reliable drinking water; improving other health, environmental and safety conditions; stabilizing water rates; leveraging public and private partnerships; and improving infrastructure to support economic development and job creation.

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Orangeburg County Fire District



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November 15, 2014

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMRWA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

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James H. Hill
Vice President
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November 14, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

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Thank you for your consideration and support of this critically-needed Modification to bring the LMWRA Project towards completion.

Sincerely,

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November 10, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
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Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

Trident Technical College strongly supports the modification proposal for the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, SC Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority, LMWRA) for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to Congress. The college is aware of the proposals' benefits and the economic growth it will bring to the tri-county area and its residents.

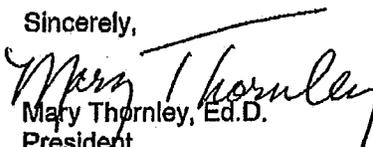
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Sincerely,


Mary Thornley, Ed.D.
President



October 15, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of the Army, Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

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November 10, 2014

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David H. Wilkins

RICHARD W. RILEY
Former Governor of South Carolina
Former U. S. Secretary of Education

November 25, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I am writing to support and urge continuation to completion of the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (LMRWA) project.

I am very familiar with the communities and residents of the areas to be served by this project. The region has extremely high poverty – much higher than the State and national poverty levels – and consists largely of poor, rural, African-American residents. They are good people who are working hard to improve themselves – as evidenced by the excellent public-private partnerships that have been formed for the LMRWA project.

Along with upgrading education in the region, with which I directly am involved, quality health care is a very important part of that improvement. And quality health care begins foremost with clean, safe drinking water.

There are many benefits for the region, our State and nation to be derived from the LMRWA project – transportation improvements, national security, economic development, to name just a few. I believe that better education can be the catalyst for all of those. But the fact is that children and adults cannot learn or work well if they are not healthy. And unsafe drinking water has been proven to be a – if not *the* – major contributor to unhealthy bodies.

I applaud the work of the Army Corps of Engineers, local governments and other public and private partners to date, and I strongly urge continued efforts to see this project completed. LMRWA is essential, on many levels, to lift the people of this region out of decades of generational, unhealthy poverty and into thriving, productive children and adults now and for decades to come.

Sincerely,

