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Project No. 2331--South Carolina
Ninety-Nine Islands Project
Duke Energy

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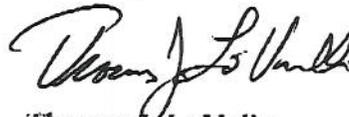
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Dear Mr. Fetter,

Thank you for your October 4, 2011, email invitation to be a participating agency in the environmental review of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's William States Lee III Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 combined licenses application. Through discussions with staff from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke), we understand that it is Duke's intention to file a request with us seeking authorization to withdraw water from the Ninety-Nine Islands Hydroelectric Project reservoir, located on the Broad River in Cherokee County, South Carolina, as part of the operation for the nuclear facilities. By accepting your invitation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would be involved early in the development of the environmental document and would be able to utilize said document for those resources under FERC's jurisdiction as they relate to Duke's future water withdraw request.

Your invitation promotes interagency coordination and enhances participation in the National Environmental Policy Act evaluation. On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, I accept your invitation and we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions regarding this letter or our process, please contact me at (202) 502-8900.

Sincerely,



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