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Re: State of South Carolina v. State of North Carolina, No. 138, Original

Dear Special Master Myles:

The three intervenors have conferred in order to present you with a single response to South Carolina's July 3, 2008 proposal for the timing of Phase One discovery.

First, South Carolina carries the burden of proof in Phase One. Thus, South Carolina will be required to set forth the facts that it asserts satisfy its burden of proving harms caused by specific upstream activities, with appropriate citation to supporting evidence. Because South Carolina bears the burden of proof in Phase One, intervenors submit that North Carolina should not be required to submit contention interrogatories in order to learn the facts and evidence that South Carolina will rely on to carry its burden.

Second, South Carolina proposes to provide the facts and evidence that will carry its burden of proof in Phase One at the conclusion of nine months. If South Carolina later seeks to rely on facts and evidence not presented at the end of the initial nine months of Phase One, then South Carolina should be required to demonstrate that discovery of such evidence was not reasonably possible during the initial nine month period. If South Carolina is permitted to rely on facts and evidence discovered after the initial nine month period, then opponents of equitable apportionment should be permitted any discovery necessary to respond.

Third, intervenors respectfully submit that in their collective experience, three months is too short a time for expert reports.

Fourth, intervenors request that the operative principle governing expert reports should be equality. That is, if South Carolina is permitted to file reply reports, opposing parties should be permitted to file sur-replies. In addition, intervenors respectfully suggest that any reply or sur-



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reply reports be restricted to material that the proponent could not reasonably have foreseen the need to address in its initial reports.

Intervenors respectfully request that the Special Master adopt a Case Management Plan consistent with the positions set forth above.

Thank you.

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