A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE CURRENT FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROJECT

WHEREAS, As a result of a strong partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santee Cooper and many other State and local entities, Federal funding was authorized for the Lakes Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority); and

WHEREAS, The Lake Marion Regional Water Authority completed the 8,000,000 gallon-per-day Water Treatment Plant in Santee, South Carolina in 2008. Currently, the plant and transmission lines serve the following communities:

In Orangeburg County: Bowman, Santee, Elloree and Vance

In Calhoun County: Lower Calhoun along Lake Marion

In Dorchester County: Harleyville (contract awarded September 24, 2014); and

WHEREAS, the current Federal authorization was insufficient to complete the Northern Reach to serve Clarendon County and Sumter County, the St. George Reach to serve Dorchester County, and the Southern Reach to serve Colleton County; therefore the Authority employed a strategy to serve the greatest number of customers and deliver the maximum volume of water. This strategy is accomplished by moving forward with the East Orangeburg County-Dorchester County Reach. This Reach provides water to Holly Hill and allows Dorchester County, currently not served, to receive water in Harleyville; and

WHEREAS, the requested Modification is needed to provide environmentally safe water and at the same time to support economic development and job creation by connecting the industrial parks in Calhoun, Orangeburg, and Dorchester Counties to a sustainable source of water. This connection provides underserved communities in those counties with a reliable source of clean water to improve health and environmental conditions. To improve public safety and ISO ratings, water of a sufficient volume and pressure will be provided to support fire suppression; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish these goals, the Authority proposes the following:

Extension of transmission lines to serve Eastman and the US Highway 176 corridor and associated industrial development in Calhoun County;

Extension of transmission lines to serve the Bowman area, Vance, and the US Highway 176 corridor in Orangeburg County;

Extension of the Harleyville Reach in Dorchester County to the Shady Grove Community near I-95 and US Highway 178, the Winding Woods Industrial Park and St. George Community near I-95 and US Highway 78, and the Ridgeville Commerce Park near SC Highway 27 and US Highway 78 and I-26;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, This 3rd day of November, 2014, that Dorchester County Council supports the request for Modification to the current Federally Authorized Lake Marion and Moultrie, South Carolina Project (Lake Marion Regional Water Authority).

DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH-GAROLINA

William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman, County Council Dorchester County, South Carolina

Attest:

Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to County Council Dorchester County, South Carolina