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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Valley Public Service Authority, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, § 9-1-10(5).

The Authority was created by Act No. 829 of 1969. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to provide water and sewer service within its designated service area. The Authority has been vested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as are necessary to accomplish the purchases described in Section 4 of the aforesaid Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that the Valley Public Service Authority is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of [Code § 9-1-10\(5\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

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