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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Dorchester County Water Authority with reference to Social Security coverage through the State Retirement System.

The Authority was created by Act No. 588 of 1965. Its members were appointed by the Governor and its function is to provide for water distribution and waste water treatment within its service area. The Authority has been vested with the power to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in § 1 of the aforesaid act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Dorchester County Water Authority is a political subdivision of the State.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington Assistant Attorney General

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