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*1 RE: Laurens County Water Resources Commission

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Dear Mr. McAlister:

You requested an opinion on September 28, 1977, whether the above-referenced Commission can enact a rule, regulation, or ordinance requiring households or businesses located on one of the Commission's sewer lines to connect to that line and not to install a septic tank. I had replied on November 15, 1977, that, in my opinion, the Commission may not enact such a regulation.

I would like to direct your attention to § 6-11-1230, S.C. CODE, 1965, which empowers certain special purpose districts to 'prescribe and enforce regulations (a) requiring all persons to whom it shall be available to make use of any sewer system which the district shall from time to time operate; and (b) generally with respect to . . . the use of . . . septic tanks . . . within the district.' See also, § 6-11-1210 of the 1976 Code. This section applies to those districts described in § 6-11-1220 of the Code. It would appear that the Laurens County Water Resources Commission falls within that group of districts which are granted this and other additional powers under Title 6, Article 7 of the Code. With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson Assistant Attorney General

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