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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 9-1-10(5).

The Authority was created by Act No. 337 of 1971. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to provide water and sewer service in certain unincorporated areas in Horry County. 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 purposes described in Section 1 of the aforesaid Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of [Code Section 9-1-10\(5\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

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