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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Your letter of January 18, 1972 Santee-Cooper Counties Promotion Commission**

Honorable Tatum W. Gressette
Director
South Carolina Retirement System
1001 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Gressette:

You have asked whether the referenced Commission meets the requirements of the law as set forth in Section 61–221, South Carolina Code.

The Santee-Cooper Counties Promotion Commission was created by Act No. 1289, 1968 Acts and Joint Resolutions. It is declared to be ‘a body corporate and politic’. Its functions—‘to institute and operate programs to improve, enlarge, increase and otherwise enhance recreation and development’ in a defined area—are clearly governmental functions. Its members are appointed by the Governor for definite terms. Its powers include the power to sue and be sued, adopt and use a corporate seal, accept and expend public funds.

It is the opinion of this Office that the Commission is a ‘political subdivision’ of the state and is an ‘employer’ within the meaning of Section 61–221, South Carolina Code.

Very truly yours,

Irvin D. Parker
Assistant Attorney General

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