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July 31, 2025

Mr. William J. Brown, P.E., Regional Engineer  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
3700 Crestwood Parkway, Suite 950  
Duluth, GA 30096

Subject: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.  
Saluda Hydroelectric Project; FERC Project No. 516 – SC  
Public Safety Incident Initial Report Follow Up

Dear Mr. Brown:

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") hereby provides requested follow up information to an initial public safety incident notification submitted by e-mail to Mr. Shae Hoschek of your office on July 22, 2025 for an incident that occurred at the Saluda Hydroelectric Project. The incident was not related to project operation but did occur near the intake towers and the boater exclusion zone for the head gates replacement.

The incident occurred about 11:00 PM on July 19, 2025, when a boat capsized for unknown reasons just outside the intake tower exclusion zone, and then apparently drifted into the exclusion zone. Several other fishing boats then entered the exclusion zone to pick up the people in the water, all of whom were rescued without injuries. Ballard Construction, the head gates contractor at the intake towers, responded in their work boats but everyone had already been picked up by the other boats. SCDNR responded and is currently performing an investigation into the incident. Attachment 1 is Ballard's internal incident report on the incident and their response.

Should you have questions about this report, please contact the undersigned at (803) 217-7322 or [raymond.ammarell@dominionenergy.com](mailto:raymond.ammarell@dominionenergy.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond R. Ammarell".

Raymond R. Ammarell, P.E., Manager  
Dam Safety and Hydro Compliance  
Chief Dam Safety Engineer (South Carolina)

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Enclosure

c: J. W. Miller/H. E. Delk/I. N. Griffin/SH File/Corporate Records  
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# BALLARD

## MARINE CONSTRUCTION

### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

### CASE #:

#### INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

**Job:** SE-4-22-084: Saluda Hydro Replacement Project  
**Date of Incident:** 7/19/2025 11:00 PM  
**Date Reported:** 7/19/2025 11:15 PM  
**Date Recorded:** 7/22/2025 10:11 AM  
**Status:** Completed

**Recorder:** Savannah Brewer  
**Recorder Email:**  
**Recorder Phone Number:**

#### Incident Description:

This incident will serve as documentation for the capsized boat situation that occurred on 07/19/25:

At approximately 11:00pm 7/19/25, crew members on the barge here at the Lake Murray Towers noticed some fishing boats inside the exclusion zone and situated exactly over our anchor lines. As we were attempting to wave them out of the zone as we usually do, we noticed there was a boat upside down. These boats were situated about 150ft South of the powerlines on Tower 5.

Immediately after realizing there was a capsized boat, crew members got on both our crew boat (DAT 2) and our work boat (Phantom) to assist in any way possible. As they approached the other fishing boats they learned that all personnel in the capsized boat were accounted for and had been recovered by another fishing boat.

Ballard Personnel caught a line on the capsized boat and towed it over to the barge to secure it and get oil boom around it until Law enforcement arrived.

DNR arrived onsite around 11:20 to begin taking reports from the boat owners and all personnel involved.

DNR's investigation concluded that the boat capsized prior to entering our exclusion zone, and then floated in.

#### CASE CONTACTS

**Person in Charge:** Cameron Palmer  
**Person in Charge Email:**  
cameron.palmer@ballardmc.com  
**Person in Charge Phone Number:**

**Person Most Familiar with Incident:**  
Cameron Palmer  
**Person Most Familiar Email:**  
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**Person Most Familiar Phone Number:**

#### INCIDENT LOCATION

**Location Description:** Construction barge  
**Address 1:**  
**Address 2:**  
**City:**

**Latitude:** 0.00000 **Longitude:** 0.00000  
**Weather:** Windy, dark

# Attachment 1

<b>State:</b> <b>Zip:</b> <b>Country:</b>	
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## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

**Estimated Cost:** \$0.00  
**Actual Cost:** \$0.00

**Case Notes:**

**Field Notes:**

## FIELD ATTACHMENTS



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