

Good morning,

The City of Rock Hill would like submit the following written comments to Santee Cooper on the objectives, metrics, and criteria outlined in their Draft Program Narrative to the Department of Energy for receipt of funds for the Grid Resilience Grant Program on behalf of South Carolina.

1. The Guidehouse Final Report on the Resiliency of South Carolina's Electric and Natural Gas Infrastructure provides information highlighting enhancements needed to improve utilities' ability to respond to extreme weather events. This report notes that large systems overall are advanced or leading in all 11 indicators evaluated for improvement. This report also noted that small systems overall are foundational or lagging in these same 11 indicators. It is vital that municipal systems receive funding proportional to their overwhelming needs, as captured in the report. As such, the City of Rock Hill requests that a larger percentage of the funding available in this opportunity be allocated toward municipal systems in an effort to assist in meeting these needs.
2. The City of Rock Hill requests that a third part entity review the Draft Program Narrative to ensure that it represents the needs of systems across the state.
3. The City of Rock Hill requests that an application package for utility systems be prepared and provided in a timely fashion, providing sufficient time for systems to develop projects that sufficiently respond to the criteria for the funding opportunity.
4. The City of Rock Hill requests that a funding timeline be provided that includes information such as application due date, anticipated award notice date, and anticipated funding receipt date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,
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