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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have asked for an opinion as to the legal status of the Piedmont Sewer Light and Fire District and as to its qualification as an 'employer' within the meaning of Section 61-1(5), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962.

The Piedmont Sewer, Light and Fire District was created by Act 389 of 1955, as amended by Act 449 of 1963 and Act 1839 of 1972. The members of the Commission are elected by the qualified electors of the district in each General Election and the Commission has the following non-exclusive powers to sue and be sued; to prescribe sewer regulations; to acquire property; to build sewer lines; to establish a system of street lighting; to exercise the power of eminent domain; to appoint officers and agents; to make contracts for construction; to borrow money and issue bonds; and to establish and operate a public fire department.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that the Piedmont Sewer, Light and Fire District is a political subdivision of the State and 'employer' within the meaning of Section 61-1(5).

Sincerely,

A. Camden Lewis
Assistant Attorney General

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