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## **U.S. Solicitor General Supports S.C.'s Water War Arguments**

**Columbia, S.C.** – Attorney General Henry McMaster today announced the United States Solicitor General, Edwin S. Kneedler, has filed an amicus brief in support of South Carolina's argument to exclude interveners in the state's Catawba River water war versus North Carolina.

Duke Energy and the City of Charlotte are among the parties attempting to enter into the battle now being fought in the original jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court.

South Carolina has vigorously opposed such an expansion of the case beyond the two states. The question will be decided directly by the Court's nine Justices.

"We appreciate the support of Solicitor General Kneedler in our argument against the Special Master's decision to allow interveners into our water dispute with North Carolina," said McMaster. "Our case is earning a great deal of attention in the country, and could very well determine the outcome of the region's water disputes for decades to come."

Read the Solicitor General's amicus brief:

[http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/newsroom/pdf/2009/138sc\\_vs\\_nc.pdf](http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/newsroom/pdf/2009/138sc_vs_nc.pdf)

For more information on the Catawba Water War:

<http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/currentcases/waterwar.html>

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