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**ORS Files Petition Regarding Inadequate Service of Tega Cay**

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) filed a petition with the Public Service Commission of S.C. (PSC) on May 8, 2013, requesting an order requiring that Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. (Tega Cay) take immediate steps to provide adequate and proper service to its customers.

A subsidiary of Utilities, Inc., Tega Cay provides water and wastewater services to the town of Tega Cay in York County. In 2013, the utility has had spills ranging from 50,000 to 100,000 gallons on at least three occasions in multiple locations. In each of these spills, partially treated wastewater was released and entered Lake Wylie and other locations within the service area. Consequently, customers have experienced restricted use of the lake and of their properties, concerns about their drinking water source, which is derived from Lake Wylie, as well as noise nuisance both day and night due to personnel, heavy equipment, and truck traffic.

According to ORS Executive Director Dukes Scott, Tega Cay's failure to prevent these spills is at odds with the public interest: "The customers of Tega Cay deserve better than what this utility is currently providing."

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