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Senator Trudy Wade, Chair
Representative Jimmy Dixon, Co-Chair
Representative Chuck McGrady, Co-Chair
Representative Pat McElraft, Vice Chair
Environmental Review Commission
16 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Re: Report on River Basin Advisory Commissions

Dear Sen. Wade, Rep. Dixon, Rep. McGrady, and Rep. McElraft:

As per §N.C.G.S. 77-117, 77-98 and S.L. 2007-495, Sec.22 The Department of Environmental Quality shall report to the ERC submit annual reports on the activities of the Catawba/Wateree, Roanoke, and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commissions.

This report was prepared by the Division of Water Resources in the Department of Environment Quality. If you have questions about this report, please contact me at 707-8668.

Very truly yours,

Anderson Miller

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Enclosures

cc:

Michael Regan, Secretary
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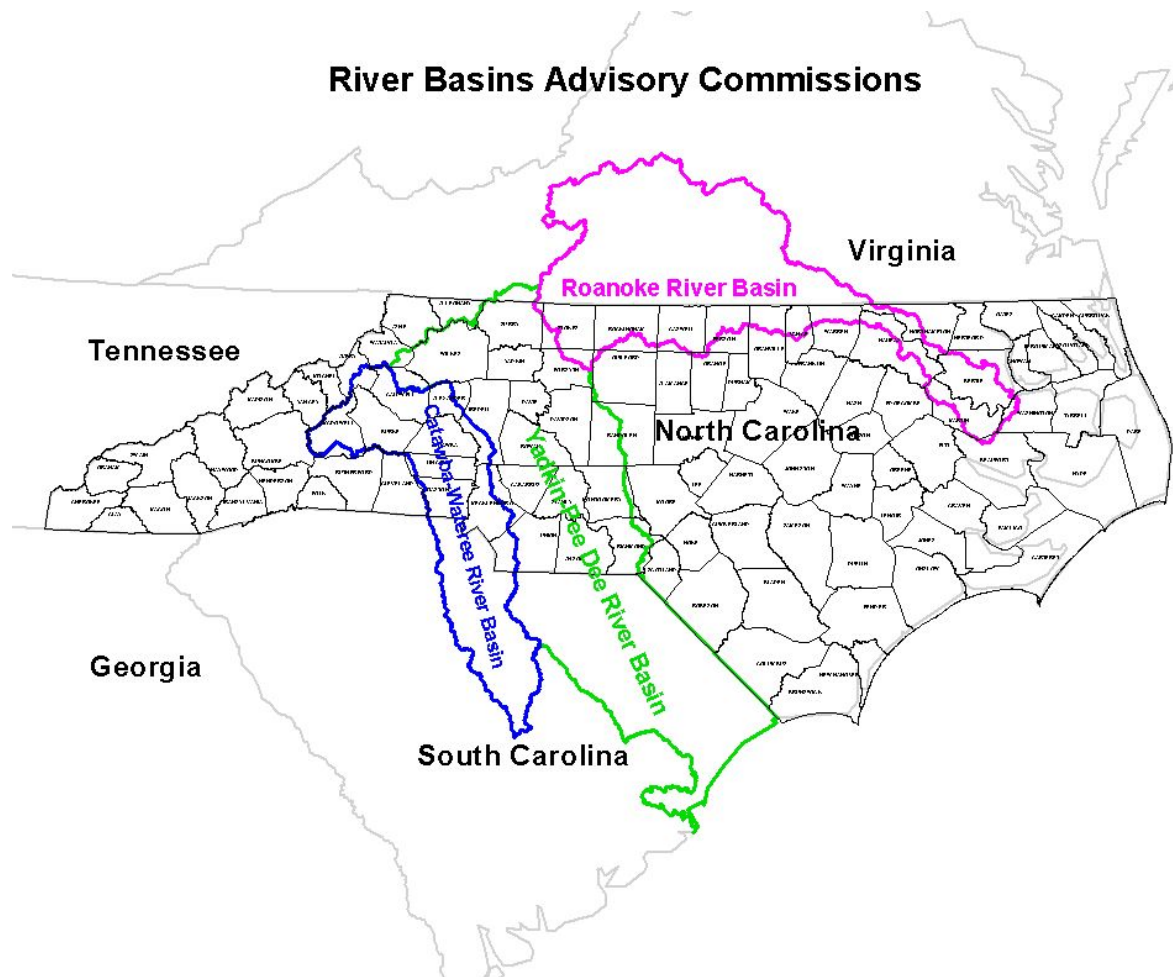
**STATUS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON
RIVER BASIN ADVISORY COMMISSIONS
AUG. 1, 2016 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017**

Executive Summary

The N.C. General Assembly established three river basin advisory commissions by statute: the Catawba/Wataree River Basin Advisory Commission, the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Commission and the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission.

The Roanoke River Basin Commission was created in 2002, with the passage of Session Law 2002-117. The Catawba/Wataree River Basin Commission and Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Commission were created two years later in 2004, with the passage of Session Law 2004-83.

The following figure highlights the three river basins.



The commissions were established for two primary reasons:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of issues related to water and other natural resources in the basin and;
2. To provide guidance and recommendations regarding the use, stewardship and enhancement of the natural resources in the basin for the purposes of integrated river basin management.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources maintains a website of relevant information about the three commissions. To see this information, go to <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/river-basin-advisory-commissions>.

Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission

This commission is comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from the North Carolina and South Carolina General Assemblies. The remaining seven members include a representative of Duke Energy Carolinas, a representative from a South Carolina water or sewer utility, a member from the bi-state Catawba River task force, a representative from the North Carolina marine commissions in the basin, a member of a South Carolina lake homeowners' association on the river, a member from the Charlotte Regional Partnership Inc. and a member of a North Carolina nonprofit land conservation trust.

Since August 1, 2016, the Catawba-Wateree Commission met one time:

- October 26, 2016 through a conference call: This meeting was a special session regarding modifications to the Comprehensive Relicensing Agreement (CRA) and License Amendments. Duke presented the proposed modifications, detail of implementation, and the process of stakeholder engagement. The Commission supported the modifications.

The next meeting is planned for 2018; however, no date has been scheduled.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission. There were no meeting expenses or members' per diem expenses for the period of August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017.

The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties. To see this information, go to <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/basin-planning/water-resource-plans/catawba-river-basin/catawba-wateree-basin-advisory-commission>.

Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission

The Roanoke River Bi-State Commission is comprised of 18 members and includes 12 legislative representatives from North Carolina and Virginia, as well as three non-legislative members from each state.

The Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission met once during the period from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. This was a video conference meeting held on June 29, 2017. The Commission chair was based, along with the presenters and NCDEQ staff at the Innovation Center, 217 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC. Agenda items included an update on coal ash legal and technical issues, current status of the NCDEQ Roanoke River Basin Water Supply Plan, and background information on the Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Partnership (APNEP) Program.

The 2018 meeting of the full Bi-State Commission will be hosted by Virginia and has not been scheduled.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources provides staffing and assistance to the commission and the committee. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. The division maintains a website for the commission where meeting agendas, meeting summaries, speaker presentations and other relevant information are available to interested parties, at <https://deq.nc.gov/roanoke>.

Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission

The Yadkin/Pee Dee Commission was established to be comprised of 15 members and includes eight legislative representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina. The remaining seven members include a representative from Progress Energy, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., Weyerhaeuser Inc., a North Carolina and South Carolina water or sewer utility, a South Carolina agricultural entity, and a land development industry that does business within the basin.

Since its establishment, the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission has never met, and neither state has appointed members to the commission. If this commission meets in the future, the N.C. Division of Water Resources would provide staffing and assistance. There were no expenses for the period of August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. The division maintains a website for the commission. To see this information, go to <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=187>.