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October 28, 2013

Ms. Susan M. Sturgis
Editorial Director
Institute for Southern Studies
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Durham, North Carolina 27702

Dear Ms. Sturgis,

On October 7, 2013, our office received your Freedom of Information Act requests for the following:

[A] copy of all correspondence between any outside parties and the Governor's Office concerning the formation and activity of the partnership involving the offices of Governor Haley, Governor Pat McCrory of North Carolina, and Governor Robert McDonnell of Virginia that is calling on the federal government to allow exploration for and development of oil and gas resources off those states' coasts.

Records responsive to your requests have been located. Be advised that located records will be redacted where exemptions apply pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor's Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, our office will charge a reasonable cost for compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. At this time, our office has located an estimated 541 records. For compilation of these records, our office calculates the total cost to be estimated at \$120.12, which includes an estimated \$54.10 for copies (541 pages at ten cents per page) and an estimated \$66.02 for staff time to search and copy those records.

Accordingly, our office will require a deposit in the amount of \$100.00 to be received prior to finalizing compilation of your request. Please provide payment by check, made payable to the "Office of the Governor" and mailed to the following address:

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Upon completion of compilation, our office will notify you of the final total cost in writing, the remaining balance of which is due prior to the production of records. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Swati" being the most prominent part.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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