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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, FWS, Raleigh, NC

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision to the Company Swamp Mitigation Bank Memorandum of Understanding

TO: Bill Grabill, Refuges and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, Atlanta, GA (ARW), Al Bonsack, Chief, Realty, Fish and Wildlife Service, Atlanta, GA (RE), Jerry Holloman, Refuge Manager, Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, and All Signatory Agencies

As a result of the numerous briefings and negotiations among this office, Refuges, and Realty in relation to land acquisition in the Roanoke River basin, it was found necessary to revise the language of the Company Swamp Memorandum of Understanding. This revision would reflect the change in ownership and accommodate the requirements of the Service's Realty Office.

We propose to change General Provision 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

Existing Language:

2. The WRC will manage the mitigation bank site in perpetuity. A management plan identifying initial and long-range habitat improvement measures featuring nongame and old-growth timber values will be developed by WRC and presented to all parties for concurrence, and implemented by WRC. When finalized, the management plan will be attached to this MOU as Appendix A. Acquisition and initial management costs will be paid by the project sponsor, NCDOT.

Proposed Revision:

2. The USFWS will manage the mitigation bank site in perpetuity as part of the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge. The Master Plan for that Refuge will maintain the mitigation bank site as a separate management unit for Refuge planning purposes. The management plan developed by the USFWS for the mitigation bank site will be contingent on concurrence by all parties of this MOU. That management plan will favor resident and migratory nongame species that depend on diverse, closed canopy, forest interior habitats usually found in uneven-aged timber stands. When finalized, the management plan will be attached to this MOU as Appendix A. Acquisition costs will be paid by the project sponsor, NCDOT.

Should you have any questions on this proposed revision or want to discuss it further, please give me a call.

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