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February 14, 2008

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Mr. James L. Connaughton  
Chairman  
Council on Environmental Quality  
722 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Kempthorne and Chairman Connaughton:

Let me thank you and the federal team you have assembled to work with Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in developing drought management plans for the ACF and ACT basins. The work has been intensive and very productive. However, as we approach our mutually agreed upon deadline of February 15 to complete draft drought plans, it is evident that some additional time is needed to complete our discussions.

I request that we extend our deadline to complete discussions to March 1, 2008, to provide the time necessary to accomplish our mutual interests of developing a drought management plan which includes the operational parameters necessary to successfully operate through the drought and recovery of the system. I commit that Georgia's involvement will remain vigorous and, as always, focused on delivering effective and balanced solutions in this time of regional drought crisis.

Our progress to date has greatly benefited from the involvement of the federal team. I look forward to their vital, continued participation as we work to conclusion on March 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue

cc: The Honorable Bob Riley, Governor, State of Alabama  
The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida