STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ANNOUNCING APPOINTMENT OF ELIAS THOMAS McGEE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SUCCEEDING WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON. JUNE 17, 1949.

I have appointed Mr. Elias Thomas McGee, of Anderson County, to membership on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Public Service Authority, to succeed William C. Johnston, also of Anderson, whose term has expired.

For a number of years Mr. McGee was associated with the State Highway Department as an Engineer. In recent years he has been engaged in general farming activities, and in the operation of a cotton gin on his farm four miles northwest of Anderson. He is a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Anderson, and the Pendleton Farmers Society.

A native of Starr, Mr. McGee is the son of the late J. E. McGee and Mrs. Jennie M. McGee. He was graduated from Clemson College on June 1, 1926, with a degree in Civil Engineering. His wife is the former Miss Helen Wiles, of Iva, and they have two children, Beverly McGee, and Elias T. McGee, Jr.

I believe Mr. McGee's many qualifications make him capable of rendering distinguished service to South Carolina as a member of the Public Service Authority.