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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

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Case No. 2013-CP-37-0575

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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Respondent,

v.

Randall S. Hiller and Janet C.  
Hiller,

Appellant.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
C. A. NO.: 2013-CP-37-575

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO  
ENFORCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**TO: Randall S. Hiller, Attorney for Defendants**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (hereafter “Duke Energy”), will move this Court in ten days or as soon as it may be heard thereafter for an Order compelling enforcement of the Settlement Agreement signed by all parties and their counsel on September 2, 2014. This Motion is made pursuant to Rules 43 (k) and 41.1, SCRPC, as well as legal precedent regarding enforcement of settlement agreements.

**BACKGROUND**

On September 2, 2014, the parties participated in mediation. After lengthy negotiations, the parties reached a settlement agreement. The settlement agreement was reduced to writing and signed by the parties and their counsel. (Exhibit 1). The signed document set forth the clear and specific terms of the settlement agreement between the parties. *Id.* Thereafter, the mediator, Eric K. Englebardt, signed and filed a Proof of ADR report, indicating that the case was “fully settled.” (Exhibit 2).

As of November 25, 2014, the Defendants had failed to comply with all the terms of the settlement agreement to which they had agreed. (Exhibit 3). The Defendants responded on

November 26, 2014. (Exhibit 4). On December 22, 2014, the Defendants informed Duke Energy that the work had been completed. (Exhibit 5). Upon inspection, Duke Energy determined that the work had not been completed and notified the Defendants accordingly. (Exhibit 6). The Defendants responded on December 30, 2014. (Exhibit 7). On February 6, 2015, Duke Energy representatives along with their attorney met with the Defendant, Randall S. Hiller, at the property in question on Lake Keowee in an effort to resolve all remaining issues. Duke Energy documented the results of that meeting in its letter to the Defendants dated February 12, 2015. (Exhibit 8). The Defendants responded by letter dated February 18, 2015 (Exhibit 9) by basically telling Duke Energy that they will perform the work they agreed to do when they get around to it. Duke Energy responded with its letter of March 18, 2015. (Exhibit 10).

#### LEGAL ANALYSIS

Duke Energy seeks an Order of this Court enforcing the settlement agreement between the parties pursuant to SCRCP 43 (k), which states:

(k) Agreements of Counsel. No agreement between counsel affecting the proceedings in an action shall be binding unless reduced to the form of a consent order or written stipulation signed by counsel and entered in the record, or unless made in open court and noted upon the record, *or reduced to writing and signed by the parties and their counsel*. Settlement agreements shall be handled in accordance with Rule 41.1, SCRCP. (emphasis added).

The purpose of Rule 43(k) is: [T]o prevent fraudulent claims of oral stipulations, and to prevent disputes as to the existence and terms of agreements and to relieve the court of the necessity of determining such disputes, which it has been said are often more perplexing than the case itself. The time of the court should not be taken up in controversial matters of this character. *Ashfort Corp. v. Palmetto Constr. Group, Inc.*, 318 S.C. 492, 495, 458 S.E.2d 533, 535 (1995) (quoting 83 C.J.S. Stipulation § 4 (1953)); *see also, Motley v. Williams*, 374 S.C. 107, 111, 647 S.E.2d. 244, 246 (Ct. App. 2007) (stating the application of Rule 43(k) will help avoid disputes

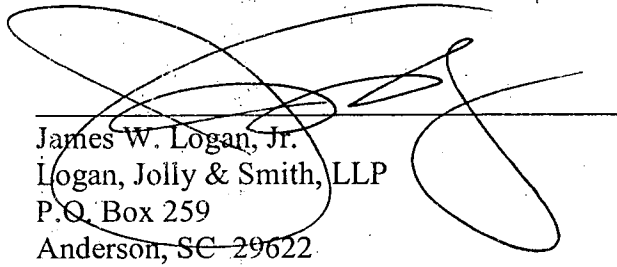
regarding the terms of settlement). Settlement agreements are reviewed by the circuit court in much the same way as contracts. *Patricia Grand Hotel, LLC v. MacGuire Enters.*, 37234, 640, 643 S.E.2d 692, 695 (Ct. App. 2007). When “an agreement is clear and capable of legal construction, the courts [sic] only function is to interpret its lawful meaning and the intent of the parties as found within the agreement.” *Messer v. Messer*, 359 S.C. 614, 628, 598 S.E. 2d 310, 317 (Ct. App. 2004). When an agreement is plain and unambiguous, the court does not have the authority to modify its terms. *Patricia Grand Hotel*, 372 S.C. at 640, 643 S.E.2d at 695.

Applying the law to the facts and current procedural posture of the case, it is clear that SCRCP 43 (k) applies to the binding nature of settlement agreements. It is further clear that of the three options available in SCRCP 43 (k), the parties hereto have an agreement between counsel that affects the proceedings in this action and which has been reduced to writing and signed by the parties and their counsel. The Court should view this settlement agreement in the same way and under the same scrutiny that it would afford a contract. There are no ambiguous terms; indeed there is no dispute between the parties as to the terms, rather the Defendants seek to nullify what Duke Energy considers a binding contract under both the Rules of Civil Procedure and legal precedent and/or modify the terms of that contract.

### CONCLUSION

Duke Energy respectfully requests an Order of the Court compelling the enforcement of the settlement agreements attached hereto. Duke Energy reserves the right to further supplement this Motion with a Memorandum of Law and/or additional arguments at the hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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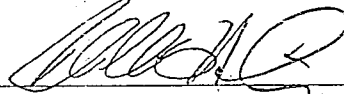
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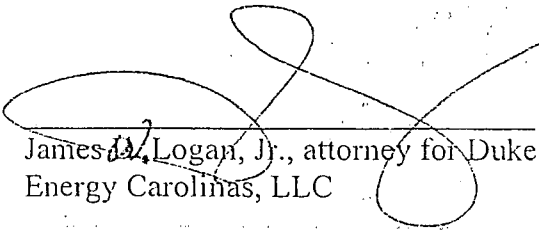
**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

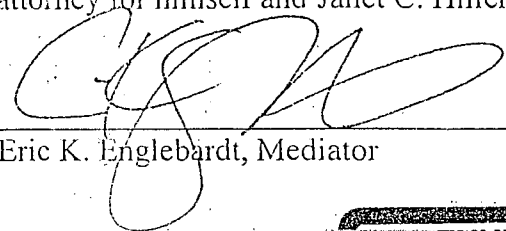
At mediation on 2 September 2014, the parties agreed to resolve this dispute as follows:

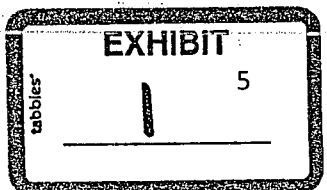
- 1) Duke will place the existing dock, at the Hillers' cost, at the dock location shown on the Stephen Edwards & Associates survey of 19 May 2011 closest to lot 2.
- 2) Duke agrees to waive the permit application for a second dock on the Hillers' property for a period of five years. Duke will agree to approve the application as previously negotiated and shown on the Stephen Edwards & Associates survey of 19 May 2011, unless regulations change for reasons outside of Duke's control that make approval of the application impossible. Duke will make the Hillers aware of any regulatory changes that require a change to the approved permit at least 30 days prior to their going into effect. The Hillers are responsible for resubmitting their application on an annual basis or this portion of the settlement agreement is moot.
- 3) The Hillers will pay Duke \$379.70.
- 4) The parties will dismiss all claims and counterclaims with prejudice and enter into a mutual release/settlement agreement to be drafted by counsel for Duke.
- 5) This agreement will be confidential to the fullest extent possible by law.

  
Representative of Duke Energy

  
Randall S. Hiller, individually and as attorney for himself and Janet C. Hiller

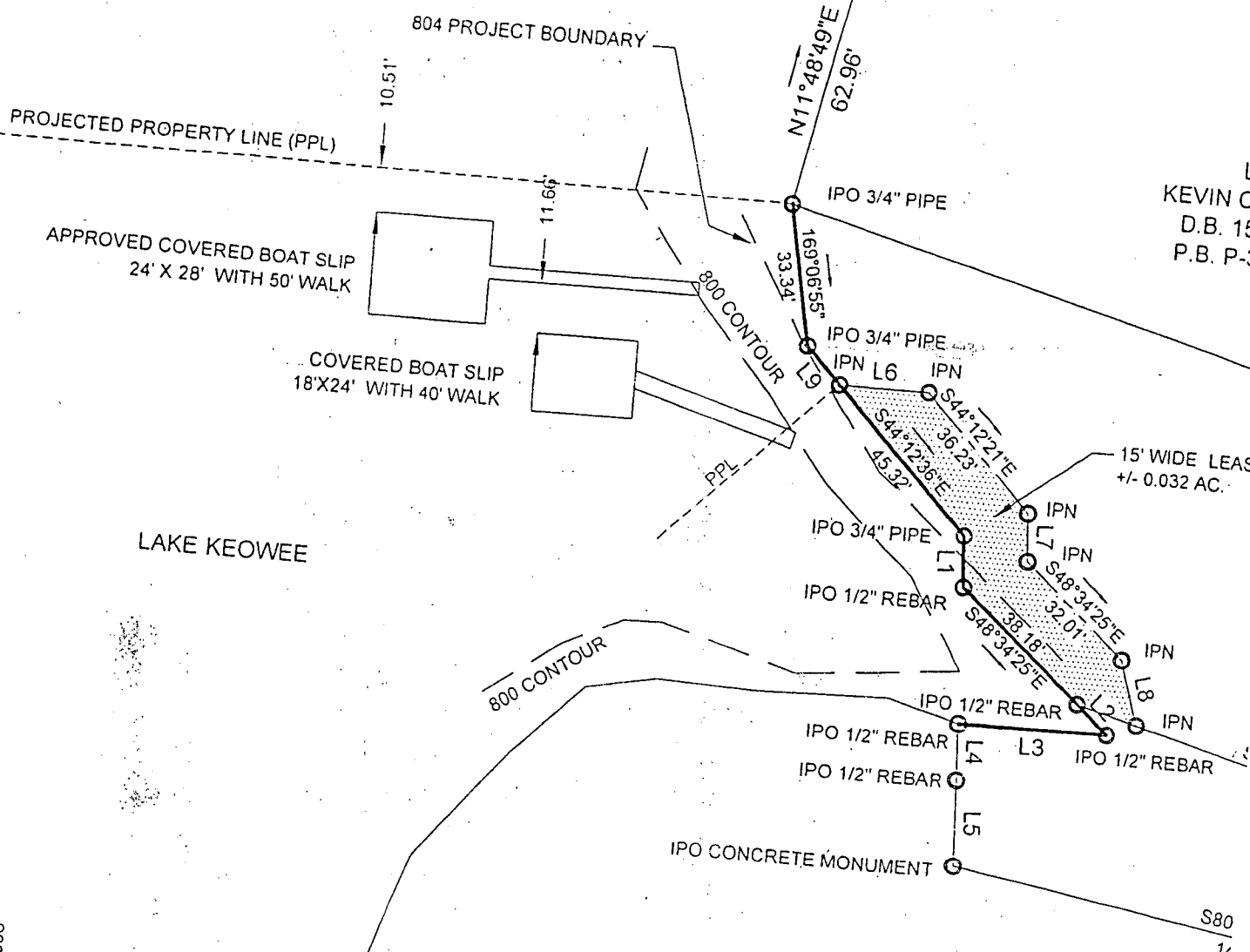
  
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Eric K. Englehardt, Mediator



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REF. PLAT BY  
LANDRITH SURVEYING  
DATED 06-14-2006



LAKE KEOWEE

LOT 1  
CRAIG & HAZEL DANCE  
D.B. 1594 PG. 72  
P.B. B-200 PG. 10

NOTES

- 1) REFERENCES  
-D.B. 1573 PG. 270  
-P.B. B-146 PG. 2  
-TAX MAP NUMBERS: 179-00-02-007 & 179-00-02-020
- 2) ACREAGE SHOWN INCLUDES ALL RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND OR EASEMENTS.
- 3) THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND OR RESTRICTIONS THAT A CURRENT TITLE SEARCH MAY DISCLOSE.
- 4) IPN ARE 5/8" REBAR UNLESS LABELLED OTHERWISE ON PLAT.

SURVEY FOR  
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4 Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,  
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May 12, 2015

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8 Janet Hiller,  
9 Defendants.

Transcript of Record

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The Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh, Judge

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RANDALL S. HILLER

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Reporter's Certificate

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For the Plaintiff:

Marked	Description	I.D.	Admitted
11	Letter/attachments from Mr. Logan to Mr. Hiller dated May 7th	8	
12	Photograph of spud pole	9	

For the Defendant:

Marked	Description	I.D.	Admitted
None offered.			

1 (WHEREUPON, court convened with all parties  
2 present and the following proceedings were had  
3 commencing at approximately 10:14 a.m.)

4 THE COURT: Mr. Hiller, Mr. Logan.

5 This is a motion to enforce settlement.

6 MR. LOGAN: That is correct, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: This is your motion, Mr. Logan.

8 MR. LOGAN: It is, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. LOGAN: May it please the Court.

11 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

12 MR. LOGAN: I filed, on behalf of Duke Energy, a  
13 motion to enforce settlement on April 1, 2015, with the  
14 Court of this year. And attached to that motion were  
15 ten -- are ten exhibits. Mr. Hiller was served with  
16 that motion along with -- that was sent to the Court or  
17 the clerk's office.

18 The first exhibit is the memorandum of agreement.  
19 By way of background, Duke and Mr. and Ms. Hiller have  
20 had a dispute among each other that has been going on  
21 for years. And Mr. and Ms. Hiller own a place on Lake  
22 Keowee. He is -- he and his wife have owned it for  
23 years. Their children are grown. They basically have  
24 no more use for it, don't use it is my understanding,  
25 and it has -- I think he would like to dispose of it.

1 But it's one of those things it's out of sight, out of  
2 mind. And over the years his dock or docks that he has  
3 had attached to the front of his property have  
4 periodically been -- have periodically come loose, gone  
5 out into the cove, created a navigational issue, and  
6 Duke has had -- and also resulted in complaints from  
7 the adjoining property owners as far as how that area  
8 is maintained along with Lakeshore.

9 Multiple actions have been filed. We think we  
10 come to agreements as to how it's going to be resolved,  
11 and it does not get resolved. Never gets resolved. We  
12 had a mediation on September 2, 2014. The mediator was  
13 Eric Englehardt. It resulted in a memorandum of  
14 agreement, which is attached to this motion as  
15 Exhibit 1, and also a plat that shows where the docks  
16 are to be located. And he wants permission to put in a  
17 future dock sometime within the next five years.

18 Well, as a result of the mediation, the terms were  
19 set forth in the memorandum of agreement and also in  
20 subsequent letters once we started having problems  
21 getting the agreement enforced.

22 Exhibit 1, as I say, is the memorandum and the  
23 attached plat. Exhibit 2 is the ADR compliance form  
24 signed by the mediator. Exhibit 3 is my letter to  
25 Mr. Hiller dated November the 25th of 2014 after my

1 client advised me that this work that he agreed to do  
2 in front of his property had not been done. I set out  
3 the five components of the agreement in that letter  
4 pointing out that only items one and two had been  
5 completed.

6 It was agreed at the mediation that a few days  
7 after the mediation, Mr. Hiller would meet a Duke  
8 representative and the contractor chosen by Duke in  
9 order to discuss and implement the agreed terms as far  
10 as the location of the dock and how it would be  
11 anchored as well as other things set forth in those  
12 five points.

13 Well, unfortunately, I wasn't able to be there at  
14 that meeting on the property. And Mr. Hiller decided  
15 that he didn't want Duke's contractor to do it but  
16 would get a contractor to do all of that work himself.  
17 So that's how it was left, and with this letter of  
18 November -- and that meeting occurred on September the  
19 22nd as set forth on the first page of Exhibit 3.

20 Upon finding out that the work had not been done,  
21 I sent Mr. Hiller the letter of November 25th, and I  
22 told him in that letter not only what had not been done  
23 but what was left to be done, and that's on the second  
24 page. And I also attached several photographs that  
25 showed the status of the dock work that had been done

1 at that particular point, which obviously shows that  
2 the work had not been completed as had been  
3 represented. And those are attached to Exhibit 3.

4 Mr. Hiller responds to my letter on November the  
5 26th with his own letter saying that he had a  
6 contractor to come out and supposedly do all the work  
7 that was to be done, but obviously, as he says in the  
8 second paragraph, based upon the photographs you  
9 provided, the contractor did not perform adequately.  
10 Well, it's the contractor's fault now. So he says he's  
11 going to correct it.

12 Exhibit 5 is an e-mail of December 22nd to me from  
13 Mr. Hiller or actually to my paralegal, Stephanie.  
14 "Please advise Mr. Logan that the repairs have been  
15 completed." So, in other words, his representation is  
16 all the work has been done. Well, again, I contact my  
17 client and asked them to send out a Lakeshore  
18 representative to take photographs to see if, in fact,  
19 the work had been done. And that is Exhibit 6 of my --  
20 attached to my letter from, at my request, my paralegal  
21 to Mr. Hiller advising him that, "Following receipt of  
22 your e-mail of December 22nd, I asked Duke to verify  
23 completion of the dock repairs. The work has not been  
24 completed." I attached photographs again taken by the  
25 Duke representative showing the status of the work at

1 that particular time. And you will see three  
2 photographs attached, one of which includes the  
3 alignment issue and also how it was moored.

4 Mr. Hiller responds with his letter of  
5 December the 30th which is Exhibit 7, in which he  
6 basically tells Duke, I'll get around to it when I can.  
7 I respond with my letter of February 12th in which I  
8 advised him that that was not acceptable. And I agreed  
9 to meet with him -- this is my letter of February 12th,  
10 which is Exhibit 8. I agreed to meet with Mr. Hiller  
11 and a Duke representative on his property hopefully to  
12 come to a final resolution of this matter in compliance  
13 with the settlement agreement.

14 Following that meeting, which occurred on  
15 February the 6th, I write to Mr. Hiller a letter of  
16 February the 12th, which is Exhibit 8, and I point out  
17 to him once again what had been agreed to at the  
18 mediation in particular, number one, the alignment,  
19 proper alignment of the dock, which would have been  
20 done had a Duke contractor been used, and number four  
21 on that list, anchoring the dock with what's called  
22 spud poles. In the past the problem that he has had  
23 with the dock breaking loose is that it's been anchored  
24 in the cheapest way possible, just tying metal rope  
25 around trees or on very unsubstantial metal spikes in

1 the ground. Spud poles would prevent that from  
2 happening and are used when a property owner has  
3 problems with his dock breaking loose from how it is  
4 actually attached to the land. So I write that letter  
5 following our meeting on site in which he agrees to do  
6 these things and have that done.

7 Well, as soon as I write that letter or a few days  
8 later, I get a letter back from him, which is  
9 Exhibit 9, February the 18th of this year, in which he  
10 basically says again, I'll get around to it when I can.  
11 And Exhibit 10 is my letter to Mr. Hiller basically  
12 telling him that that was not acceptable to Duke, and  
13 unless the work was completed within ten days, we were  
14 going to proceed with appropriate measures.

15 Now, in addition to that material, I wrote  
16 Mr. Hiller. The latest correspondence is -- I'm going  
17 to pass up to the Court. And I'd like for it to be  
18 marked as whatever the next exhibit is.

19 (WHEREUPON, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 11  
20 was marked for identification.)

21 MR. LOGAN: And that is my letter to him of  
22 May the 7th. "I received your e-mail of April the 27th  
23 stating that the requirements have been completed."  
24 All right. They're completed now, according to him.  
25 For the third time they're completed. I sent another

1 Duke representative out -- this is either the third or  
2 fourth time -- to take a look at what had been done and  
3 to take photographs. And as I state in the letter, the  
4 dock is not aligned correctly and spud poles were not  
5 used to anchor the dock. And that is shown in the  
6 photographs that are attached, and these were taken on  
7 May 5th as referenced in the letter.

8 While he has completed the decking, the alignment  
9 issue that we discussed while I was out there, it's not  
10 properly aligned as he agreed to align it with the pole  
11 across the way, and you will see how the dock is tied  
12 to the lake. Spud poles are not used, and this type of  
13 mooring to the lake is going to result in the same  
14 problem that he has been having over the years,  
15 creating a navigational issue, creating complaints to  
16 Duke from the neighbors that the dock floats away, gets  
17 up on other people's property and the shore, and,  
18 therefore, they make their complaints known to Duke,  
19 and all of that is in violation of the Shoreline  
20 Management Guidelines.

21 The final exhibit I will pass up to the Court and  
22 ask to be marked as the next exhibit is a picture of  
23 what a spud pole looks like.

24 (WHEREUPON, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 12  
25 was marked for identification.)

1 MR. LOGAN: That's down into the lake bed. The  
2 dock is able to rise up and down as the lake levels  
3 change, and it avoids, as much as possible, the dock  
4 breaking loose. And that's a picture of one that's  
5 actually on the lake and is used when property owners  
6 have problems of this nature.

7 Had a Duke contractor as was agreed upon been  
8 used, that was the type of mooring, the type of  
9 docking, and the type of alignment that would have been  
10 already there. And it's not there. As far as I know,  
11 that's the current status. It's not in accordance with  
12 the agreement.

13 You will see that Mr. Hiller, as part of the  
14 settlement agreement, had asked that Duke waive the  
15 permit application for a second dock for a period of  
16 five years. In other words, he wouldn't have to put in  
17 a dock within a year of an application being made,  
18 contrary to the otherwise established Lakeshore  
19 Guidelines. His second dock is not there. But Duke  
20 agreed because he was trying to sell the property, and,  
21 obviously, he wants dock access. He wants a dock in  
22 front of his property. He wants a permit for the dock  
23 because it adds to the value of his property. The  
24 problem is he's not willing to maintain that dock and  
25 he's not willing to maintain it in accordance with the

1 terms of the agreement. I ask that the agreement be  
2 enforced. Thank you, sir.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Hiller.

4 MR. HILLER: Excuse me, your Honor. I'm a little  
5 surprised that nobody from Duke is here to testify, but  
6 I intend to testify, if you want to swear me in,  
7 because --

8 THE COURT: Do you swear or affirm to tell the  
9 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

10 MR. HILLER: I do.

11 **RANDALL S. HILLER,**

12 **BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:**

13 THE COURT: Go ahead.

14 MR. HILLER: Your Honor, I've owned this property  
15 since 1993. For the first 25 years I didn't have any  
16 problems. Never had a problem. In 2008, I subdivided  
17 the lot just before -- or 2007 just before the  
18 Shoreline Management Guidelines changed that would have  
19 required a greater frontage. Subdivided the property,  
20 ordered -- I mean requested a Duke dock permit, had a  
21 dock installed, then went back and made the application  
22 for the second dock permit. It was refused.

23 I filed a lawsuit against Duke. They ultimately  
24 agreed to give me the second permit. That was in 2008.  
25 Ever since then, your Honor, I mean, it is just a

1 constant, constant harassment and a constant -- I mean,  
2 as Mr. Logan keeps pointing out, and he's making a big  
3 deal about these spud poles. Every time I make an  
4 agreement with Duke, as soon as the agreement is made,  
5 they wait two months and then add ten conditions.

6       You have the settlement agreement in front of you.  
7 Is there anything in there about spud poles? I had  
8 never even heard of a spud pole until I met up there  
9 three days after this or four days after this  
10 mediation. I drove up here. I met with Mr. Hudish,  
11 the Duke representative, and a contractor that he  
12 brought because I had told them at the time of the  
13 mediation that I don't do docks. I don't know anything  
14 about docks. I don't have it. When I had it installed  
15 originally, the contractor installed it, the same one  
16 that made it. It was installed with cables just like  
17 the dock on my right and the dock on my left. Both of  
18 them have cables, cables running to the shore and a  
19 fixed pier attached to the rising and lowering pier.

20       This dock had to be moved as a result of the  
21 settlement of the original lawsuit, and Mr. Hudish and  
22 the contractor, and as you'll see from my  
23 correspondence back to Mr. Logan, the contractor they  
24 brought said right out, I mean the minute we got there,  
25 he said, "There's no way we can do this in 30 days."

1 He said, "I can't do it. We can't build the fixed pier  
2 portion, it's not possible for it to be done within  
3 30 days." So he and Mr. Hudish got out their tape  
4 measures and physically measured the lines where the  
5 dock would need to go. And then Mr. Hudish puts stakes  
6 exactly where the fixed posts would have to be  
7 installed. And I agreed with their contractor. He  
8 said, "All we can do is set the dock, and I'll send you  
9 a price." And, you know, Mr. Hudish, the contractor,  
10 and I agreed that I would find a contractor to install  
11 the fixed portion.

12 Now, I always understood this agreement to say  
13 that the dock was going to be put in the location that  
14 the survey said. Didn't say anything about it having  
15 to be pretty or as nice as my neighbors. It just had  
16 to be put in that location within 30 days. I hired the  
17 contractor. I went up there with them the day they  
18 installed the posts and watched them dig the holes and  
19 install the fixed pier post right where the stakes had  
20 been set by Duke's representative. Then they built the  
21 frame and attached the dock to it directly out from  
22 that. That's all I agreed to do. And we did exactly  
23 what I agreed to do.

24 Only afterwards, apparently, and this was --  
25 Mr. Logan says we have had problems with the dock. We

1 have. People -- I mean, it's been vandalized at least  
2 four times. The cables have been physically cut right  
3 at the dock where we can see what's still hanging, cut  
4 twice. It was cut again in November. I sent the  
5 contractor back up there. We completely rebuilt the  
6 frame, reattached it. Although I didn't agree to do  
7 all the other things that Mr. Logan keeps adding on and  
8 added on in March, as I responded to him then, I said,  
9 if I determine -- if I determine, if the contractor  
10 determines the spud poles are necessary, I'll put them  
11 in, but I don't -- that wasn't part of this settlement.  
12 And it was determined it was not necessary. Cables are  
13 in. They're on my property. They aren't in the lake.  
14 They go to the dock just like the one on the right,  
15 just like the one on the left. Went ahead and had them  
16 finish the decking. That's the only thing that was  
17 missing.

18 That dock is in alignment with where Duke Energy  
19 said it had to be when I was out there with them. When  
20 we went back out there in March, Mr. Hudish, this time,  
21 not the time when I was up there with him before I  
22 started construction, sent somebody over to the other  
23 side of the lake and had them go put a stake in based  
24 on where he was pointing after I had already put the  
25 dock in, and had them put a stake on the other side of

1 the lake, which I told him then, I said, "That's  
2 25 feet left of where you set this."

3 And, your Honor, if that dock needs to be turned,  
4 it needs to be Duke's responsibility because I relied  
5 on Duke Energy's specifically measuring and putting  
6 stakes in the ground saying this is where your dock  
7 needed to be. It is exactly there. And if Mr. Hudish  
8 was here, he'd have to admit it.

9 So I have complied with everything I agreed to do,  
10 and it's not Duke's prerogative to continuously add  
11 additional obligations on me. I assure you, there's  
12 not a single word in that Shore Management Plan that  
13 talks about spud poles being required or mandated or  
14 anything else. The dock is in place. It's properly in  
15 place, and it's exactly where Duke asked me to put it  
16 or told me to put it.

17 THE COURT: Let me ask you this, Mr. Hiller. How  
18 did it go from Duke placing the existing dock to you  
19 placing the existing dock?

20 MR. HILLER: Because the contractor they brought  
21 said he couldn't do it in the time frame. They were  
22 supposed to bring the contractor. They did bring a  
23 contractor.

24 THE COURT: There was no time frame.

25 MR. HILLER: Oh, it was 30 days.

1 THE COURT: It didn't say it in here. Says, "Duke  
2 will place the existing dock at the Hillers' cost at  
3 the dock location shown on the Steven Edwards &  
4 Associates survey of 19 May 2011 closest to Lot 2." It  
5 doesn't have a time frame in there that I can see. And  
6 there is time frames for being notified of the changes  
7 in permit regs on number two, but that's a different  
8 item.

9 MR. HILLER: Yeah. Well, it was always 30 days.  
10 And Mr. Logan's and my correspondence would reflect  
11 that fact. I bought -- at the mediation about trying  
12 to get up there that very next Friday, but, you know, I  
13 finally agreed to go that week, that Friday, to meet  
14 with Mr. Hudish because of the 30-day timeline. And  
15 it's in my letter back to Mr. Logan afterwards that,  
16 you know, we all understood it to be 30 days.

17 And then, of course, after I met back up there  
18 again and this time with Mr. Logan and Mr. Hudish and  
19 he complained about the location and complained about  
20 the fact that we hadn't put the decking on it, they  
21 tried to put the 30-day time limit on me, too, at that  
22 time. I wouldn't -- you know, I wouldn't agree with  
23 that.

24 And, in fact, my letter back in February 10th, I  
25 talk about the fact that because of the deadline the

1 first time, and because their contractor couldn't do  
2 it, I had been forced to get whoever was available  
3 rather than who I really wanted to do it to do it. I  
4 hadn't really looked at this since the original time,  
5 your Honor, but I don't think Mr. Logan -- you aren't  
6 going to deny it was 30 days?

7 MR. LOGAN: I'm going to admit it's what's in  
8 here.

9 And I will represent to the Court that I had no  
10 idea that this discussion had gone on at the lake three  
11 to four days after this mediation in which Mr. Hiller  
12 wanted to have his own contractor do it for whatever  
13 reason. I think I know what the reason is, but Duke --  
14 the agreement was that Duke would go out there and  
15 place the dock, put the dock there, do this work, put  
16 those poles in so we wouldn't have this problem again.  
17 And then for whatever reason, Mr. Hiller talks the  
18 representative into letting his -- he wants his own  
19 contractor to do it. If Duke's contractor had done  
20 this as it was agreed to in the mediation and as I  
21 recite in this, we wouldn't be here today because that  
22 work would have been done at Mr. Hiller's expense.

23 So this is just a continuation of the same type  
24 problem we have been having and representative --  
25 representations of who agreed to do what.

1 I submit to you that what's in here in this  
2 memorandum of agreement, there is no 30-day time  
3 period. Duke wanted the work done, and they wanted it  
4 done right so that they wouldn't continue to have these  
5 problems with Mr. Hiller. And I don't know why he is  
6 opposing -- this does nothing but enhance the value of  
7 his property if it's done right. But apparently he  
8 would rather argue with Duke and not do what he agreed  
9 to do in the mediation than have it done properly so  
10 that the property value is enhanced and we don't have  
11 to be up here in front of the Court continuously.

12 MR. HILLER: Your Honor, like I said, I was  
13 testifying, and I will testify and have testified that  
14 it was not my idea not to use their contractor. It was  
15 the contractor saying that he could not do the work in  
16 front of Mr. Hudish within the 30 days that was  
17 mandated. And, specifically, he said there was no way  
18 he could build the fixed portion, and there was a  
19 chance he wouldn't be able to actually set the dock  
20 onto the fixed portion. There was going to be a  
21 20-foot fixed portion, and then there is a 30-foot  
22 prebuilt portion that's already attached to the dock.

23 It was not my idea. The last thing I wanted to do  
24 was try to find somebody to go up to Lake Keowee and  
25 put in those posts and fix it. But because he couldn't

1 do it, that's why I agreed to do it, and that's why  
2 they placed the stakes so that I would know exactly  
3 where to put it.

4 MR. LOGAN: Your Honor, all you have to do is look  
5 at Exhibit 3. And I addressed this in my letter. I  
6 said, "Thereafter, you instructed" -- he e-mailed the  
7 contractor for Duke after that meeting on September the  
8 22nd. I didn't know that. I didn't know it until I  
9 wrote this letter of November 25th. He instructed the  
10 contractor not to come out there.

11 THE COURT: All right, gentlemen. Thank you.  
12 I'll take it under advisement and I'll issue an order.

13 (WHEREUPON, the hearing ended at 10:42 a.m.)

14 \*\*\*END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD\*\*\*

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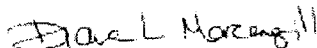
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9 in the Circuit Court for Oconee County, South Carolina,  
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15 September 28, 2015

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18 Diane L. Marcengill, RPR, CRR  
19 Circuit Court Reporter  
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FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2013CP3700575

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Duke Energy

Randall Hiller

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for :  Plaintiff  Defendant  
or  
 Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.  See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other Rule 41(b) (Invol. Nonsuit)
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
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If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

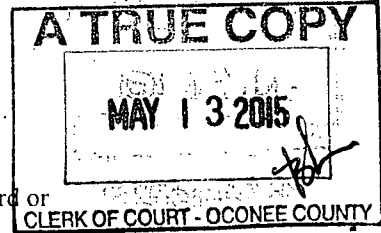
The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Circuit Court Judge

2155  
Judge Code

5-13-15  
Date



**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

This judgment was entered on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 15 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 15 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

James W. Logan Jr. (mail)

Randall S. Hiller (mail)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Dianne Marcengill – Court Reporter

Beverly Whitfield – Clerk of Court

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

Plaintiff's motion to enforce settlement agreement granted, defendant shall grant Duke representatives access to the property as necessary to complete terms of the settlement agreement. No formal order to follow.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
Plaintiff(s)  
vs.  
Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller  
Defendant(s)

CIVIL ACTION COVERSHEET

2013 - CP - 31 - 515

(Please Print) Submitted By: James W. Logan, Jr.  
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Telephone #: 864-226-1910  
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NOTE: The cover sheet and information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of docketing. It must be filled out completely, signed, and dated. A copy of this cover sheet must be served on the defendant(s) along with the Summons and Complaint.

DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check one box below)

- [X] JURY TRIAL demanded in complaint.
- [ ] This case is subject to ARBITRATION pursuant to the Circuit Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
- [ ] This case is subject to MEDIATION pursuant to the Circuit Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
- [ ] This case is exempt from ADR (certificate attached).

NATURE OF ACTION (Check One Box Below)

- Contracts: Construction (100), Debt Collection (110), Employment (120), General (130), Wrongful Breach (140), Other (199)
- Torts - Professional Malpractice: Dental Malpractice (200), Legal Malpractice (210), Medical Malpractice (220), Other Malpractice (299)
- Torts - Personal Injury: Assault/Slander/Libel (300), Conversion (310), Motor Vehicle Accident (320), Premises Liability (330), Products Liability (340), Other (399)
- Real Property: Claim & Delivery (400), Condemnation (410), Foreclosure (420), Mechanic's Lien (430), Partition (440), Possession (450), Other (499)
- Inmate Petitions: PCR (500), Sexual Predator (510), Mandamus (520), Habeas Corpus (530), Other (599)
- Judgments/Settlements: Death Settlement (700), Foreign Judgment (710), Magistrate's Judgment (720), Minor Settlement (730), Transcript Judgment (740), Lis Pendens (750)\*\* Other (799)
- Administrative Law/Relief: Driver License Reinstatement (800), Judicial Review (810), Relief (820), Permanent Injunction (830), Forfeiture (840), Other (899)
- Special/Complex /Other: Environmental (600), Automobile Arb. (610), Medical (620), Other (699)
- Appeals: Arbitration (900), Magistrate-Civil (910), Magistrate-Criminal (920), Municipal (930), Probate Court (940), SCDOT (950), Worker's Comp (960), Zoning Board (970), Other (999)

\*\* Check only if Summons & Complaint to follow in 20 days

Submitting Party Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: August 6, 2013

Note: Frivolous civil proceedings may be subject to sanctions pursuant to SCRCP, Rule 11, and the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-10 et. seq.

**\*FOR MANDATED ADR COUNTIES ONLY**

SUPREME COURT RULES REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL CIVIL CASES TO AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT.

**You are required to take the following action(s):**

1. The parties shall select a neutral within 210 days of filing of this action, and the Plaintiff shall file a "Stipulation of Neutral Selection" on or before the 224<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of the action. If the parties cannot agree upon the selection of the neutral within 210 days, the Plaintiff shall notify the Court by filing a written "Request for the Appointment of a Neutral" on or before the 224<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of this action. The Court shall then appoint a neutral from the Court-approved mediator/arbitrator list.
2. The initial ADR conference must be held within 300 days after the filing of the action.
3. Case are exempt from ADR only upon the following grounds:
  - a. Special proceeding, or actions seeking extraordinary relief such as mandamus, habeas corpus, or prohibition;
  - b. Cases which are appellate in nature such as appeals or writs of certiorari;
  - c. Post Conviction relief matters;
  - d. Contempt of Court proceedings;
  - e. Forfeiture proceedings brought by the State;
  - f. Cases involving mortgage foreclosures; and
  - g. Cases that have been submitted to mediation with a certified mediator prior to the filing of this action.
4. Motion of a party to be exempt from payment of neutral fees due to indigency should be filed with the Court within ten (10) days after the ADR conference had been concluded.

**Please Note: You must comply with the Supreme Court Rules regarding ADR. Failure to do so may affect your case or may result in sanctions.**

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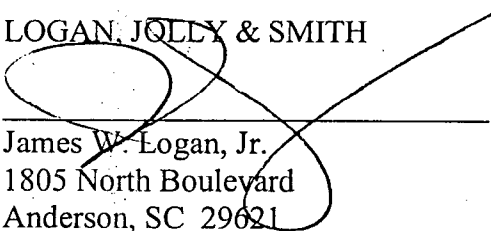
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**SUMMONS FOR RELIEF**

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**TO: THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their offices located at 1805 North Boulevard, Post Office Box 259, Anderson, South Carolina 29622, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

LOGAN, JOLLY & SMITH  
  
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1805 North Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
864-226-1910 (voice)  
864-226-1931 (fax)  
[logan@loganjollysmith.com](mailto:logan@loganjollysmith.com)

Dated: 8/6/13  
Anderson, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF OCONEE )  
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 Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 Defendants. )  
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**COMPLAINT**

The Plaintiff herein, complaining of the Defendants herein, would respectfully show unto the Court and allege as follows:

1. The Plaintiff, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (hereinafter "Duke Energy"), a division of Duke Energy Corporation, is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and it is fully authorized and empowered to transact and carry on its business in Oconee County, South Carolina.
2. The Defendants, Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller (hereafter, "Hillers"), are upon information and belief, citizens and residents of Greenville County, South Carolina and the parties and the subject matter herein are within the jurisdiction of this Court.
3. Duke Energy is the owner of certain real property located within the Project Boundary of Lake Keowee in Oconee County, South Carolina which is the subject matter of this Complaint. The Hillers are in violation of the Shoreline Management Guidelines ("SMG") for Lake Keowee, which were developed pursuant to Duke Energy's FERC License Project Number 2503 for Lake Keowee, for refusing to remove an unapproved and/or unsafe structure owned by the Hillers located within the Project Boundary of Lake Keowee. The Hillers' structure is not in an approved location and presents a continued potential public safety and navigational hazard.

4. Duke Energy, as a Federal licensee, is charged with managing the property within the Project Boundary of Lake Keowee and is required to regulate the uses of the Project to protect the scenic, recreational, and environmental values of the Project. Items referenced above are in violation of the applicable SMG for this Project developed pursuant to the FERC license for said Project.

5. The Hillers have previously been advised of the violations in question and have failed and refused to remove the unapproved and/or unsafe structure, and therefore, Duke Energy is seeking an Order from the Court as follows: directing the Hillers to either remove said structure from the Project Boundary of Lake Keowee or, in the alternative, comply with item #1 in the letter of October 10, 2011 (attached hereto as Exhibit 1) so that the dock application previously submitted by the Hillers to Duke Energy can be approved and the structure then properly secured to an approved location within the Project Boundary for Lake Keowee; permanently enjoining and restraining the Hillers from any further trespass on Duke Energy's property except to the extent necessary to comply with Duke Energy's request as set forth above; and directing the Hillers to pay all of the costs associated with this action, including all attorney's fees incurred by Duke Energy, as well as any and all removal costs, contractor expenses, landfill fees, a set management fee of \$1000.00, and the sum of \$379.70 as shown on the invoice attached hereto as Exhibit 2, incurred by Duke Energy for debris removal from the Hiller's property.

Wherefore, Duke Energy prays the Court rule that it has and shall recover of the Defendant as follows:

1. That this Court direct the Hillers to remove the unapproved and/or unsafe structure owned by the Hillers located within the Project Boundary for Lake Keowee or, in the

alternative, comply with item #1 in the letter of October 10, 2011 (attached hereto as Exhibit 1) so that the dock application previously submitted by the Hillers to Duke Energy can be approved and the structure then properly secured to an approved location within the Project Boundary for Lake Keowee;

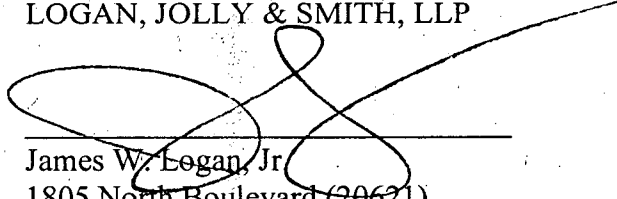
2. That this Court permanently and perpetually enjoin the Hillers, their heirs, servants, agents and assigns and all persons claiming by through or under them, from trespassing on Duke Energy's property except to the extent necessary to comply with Duke Energy's request set forth in Paragraph 1 above;

3. That this Court grant permission to Duke Energy, and any and all persons acting on its behalf, to remove the unapproved and/or unsafe structure from Lake Keowee should the Hillers fail to either remove the dock or to comply with the requirements set forth in the letter of October 10, 2011, and to award Duke Energy a monetary judgment in its favor and against Defendant for all expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by Duke Energy as a result of any such removal work;

4. For all costs in this action, including attorney's fees incurred by Duke Energy as well as any and all removal costs, contractor expenses, landfill expenses, a set management fee of \$1,000.00, and the sum of \$379.70 as shown on the invoice attached hereto as Exhibit 2, incurred by Duke Energy for debris removal from the Hiller's property; and

5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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Dated: 8/6/13



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October 10, 2011

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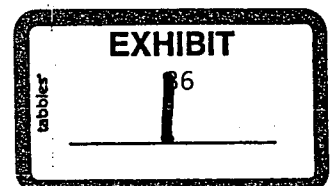
Re: Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller vs. Duke Energy  
C. A. No.: 2008-CP-37-886

Dear Mr. Hiller:

The below items need to be addressed prior to approving the dock application for Lot 1-A:

1. Locate the existing dock in the approved location for lot 1-B as shown on the survey dated May 19, 2011. It is the northern location of the two docks shown;
2. A signed projected property line encroachment form from lot 1-B allowing lot 1-A to cross over the property line with the dock. The required form is attached. The form with the original signatures needs to be returned to me and I will forward it to Duke;
3. Remove the old derelict dock that had broken loose from the lake. It is now currently tied off down the cove southwest of your lot; and,
4. Remove the small pier extending into the lake and the piece of derelict seawall from within the project boundary line in front your lots (see enclosed pictures).

These items were listed in the July 23, 2010 memorandum included in my letter to you of July 28, 2010.



Randall S. Hiller, Esquire  
Page 2  
October 10, 2011

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

Logan, Jolly & Smith, L.L.P.



James W. Logan, Jr.

JWL,jr/bk  
Enclosure

bc: Lauren Bowen via e-mail  
Tina Saims via e-mail  
Jack Hudish via e-mail  
Kelvin Reagan via e-mail  
Joe S. Hall via e-mail

## Projected Property Line Approval Letter

I, \_\_\_\_\_, owner of Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ in Subdivision  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ give approval to \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Print Name)

owner of adjacent Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ in Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ to

encroach over the projected property line between our lots for uses that are

checked below:

- Dock
- Dock Cable Anchor
- Dredge

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)





B&J Lawn Care  
198 Pleasant Grove Road  
Pickens, SC 29671  
864-979-6882

**BILL TO:**

Duke Energy Corporation  
PO Box 37929 - ST25B  
Route Code: FHSRINVCA  
Charlotte, NC 28237

Invoice Date: May 8, 2012  
Invoice Number: 702  
P. O. #: BAW01.12222  
Terms: Upon receipt

**Description:**

Trash Service: (KE00/8202 LMMLM)

Trash receipts: \$14.70

Additional Trash Pickup:  
(as per contract)

\$0.00

**Total for trash: \$14.70**

Grounds Keeping: (KE00/8202 LMMLM)

Access Area Maintenance Charges: (KE00/8202 LMMLM)

Labor: \$0.00  
Material: \$0.00  
Equipment: \$0.00

**Total Access Area: \$0.00**

Keowee Debris Removal: (KE00/8239 LMMLM)

Labor: \$210.00  
Material: \$0.00  
Equipment: \$155.00

**Total Keowee: \$365.00**

Jocassee Debris Removal / Shoreline Insp. (JO00/8239 LMMLM)

Labor: \$0.00  
Material: \$0.00  
Equipment: \$0.00

**Total Jocassee: \$0.00**

**INVOICE TOTAL:**

**\$379.70**



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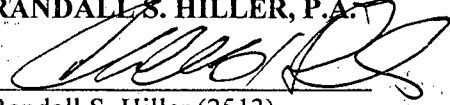
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**SUMMONS**  
(Jury Trial Demanded)

TO THE PLAINTIFF(S) ABOVE-NAMED:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Counterclaim in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Counterclaim upon the subscriber at 850 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Greenville, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Counterclaim within that time, the Defendants will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Counterclaim, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Counterclaim.

**RANDALL S. HILLER, P.A.**  


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August 27, 2013  
Greenville, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF OCONEE )  
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 Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, )  
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 Plaintiff )  
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 vs. )  
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 Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller, )  
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 Defendants )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 C.A. NO.: 2013-CP-37-575

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**ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM**  
 (Jury Trial Demanded)

The Defendants, answering the Complaint of the Plaintiff, and by way of Counterclaim, would allege and show unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. Each and every allegation of the Complaint, not hereinafter specifically admitted, is denied.
2. That the allegations of paragraphs 1 and 2 are admitted.
3. That so much of the allegations of paragraph 3 which allege that Duke Energy is the owner of certain real property located within the project boundary of Lake Keowee in Oconee County, South Carolina which is the subject matter of this Complaint is admitted, the remainder of said paragraph is denied.
4. That so much of the allegations of paragraph 4 which allege that Duke Energy is a federal licensee, is charged with managing the property within the project boundary of Lake Keowee is admitted, the remainder of said paragraph is denied.
5. That the allegations of paragraph 5 are denied.

**FOR A SECOND DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF COUNTERCLAIM**

6. Each and every allegation contained hereinabove, not inconsistent herewith, is herein realleged by reference.

7. That Duke Energy is the owner of Lake Keowee and as such is obligated to manage the lake in accordance with the Department of Energy Rules and Regulations, including the regular promulgation and compliance with a Shoreline Management Plan.

8. That the Plaintiff's are the owners of Lot 1A and 1B, Hampton Shores subdivision, Lake Keowee, Oconee County, South Carolina which lot abuts upon the property of the Defendant, all is as shown by a plat recorded in the Oconee Registrar of Deeds office in Plat Book B146 at Page 2.

9. That on or around March, 2007, Plaintiffs duly applied and tendered the application fee, to the Defendant for a permit to construct a floating dock on Lot 1B having already received a permit and having fully installed a dock on Lot 1A, which application was in compliance with the then existing Shoreline Management Plan.

10. That in reliance thereon, the Plaintiffs contracted to purchase a floating dock system in accordance with said application and placed a deposit of \$9,500.00 on same.

11. That despite numerous and repeated requests by the Defendant of the Plaintiff the Plaintiff has never responded or replied to the application.

12. That on or about July 31, 2008 Defendants were forced to file a lawsuit requiring the Plaintiff to comply with its shoreline and management practices in effect at the time the application was filed.

13. That at the time of the filing of the action the subject lots, with accompanying dock permits, were valued at over \$600,000.00.

14. That after approximately 15 months the Plaintiff proposed, through its counsel, on November 23, 2009 two alternative resolutions to resolve the litigation.

15. After further clarification the Plaintiff, through counsel, proposed a resolution of the subject action by letter dated January 15, 2010 which was accepted by the Defendants by their letter of February 18, 2010.

16. Subsequent to the acceptance of the settlement of the issues raised in the preceding litigation the Plaintiff has entered into a course of conduct attempting to set arbitrary and unilateral additional conditions which were not contained within the original proposal accepted by the Defendants and has entered into a continuing course of conduct in harassing and threatening the Defendants culminating in the Plaintiff delivering, through counsel, a letter dated April 12, 2012 unilaterally revoking the settlement as well as the dock permit previously issued for Defendants' lot 1A.

17. That as a direct and proximate result of the breach of the agreement by the Plaintiff the Defendants have been damaged in an amount of not less than \$200,000.00 reflecting the loss in value of the property and loss of use of said funds all in an amount to be determined by a jury:

**FOR A THIRD DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF COUNTERCLAIM**

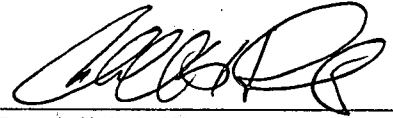
18. Each and every allegation contained hereinabove, not inconsistent herewith, is herein realleged by reference.

19. That the acts and actions of the Plaintiff set forth hereinabove constitute unfair acts and practices and conduct of trade of commerce which are and likely have been repeated on numerous occasions in violation of Section 39-5-10, *et. seq.* of the *South Carolina Code of Laws*.

20. That as a direct and proximate result thereof the Defendants are entitled to treble their actual damages and their reasonable attorneys fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth their answer and counterclaim the Defendants would pray that the action be dismissed, with costs and that the Defendants have judgment against the Plaintiff in an amount to be determined by a jury.

**RANDALL S. HILLER, P.A.**



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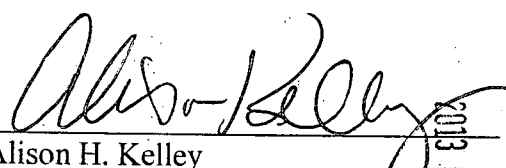
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
(Jury Trial Demanded)

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the law firm RANDALL S. HILLER, P.A., counsel for the above captioned Defendants, and I have, this date written below served the within Plaintiff with Defendants' Answer and Counterclaim relative to the above captioned by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

James W. Logan, Jr., Esquire  
Logan, Jolly & Smith  
P.O. Box 259  
Anderson, SC 29622

  
Alison H. Kelley

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case No. 2013-CP-37-575

ADR COMPLIANCE FORM

Court and a copy forwarded to the attorneys for the parties within 10 days of the conclusion of ADR, or within 300 days of the filing date of the action, whichever is earlier.)

PURSUANT TO the Court's Standing Order for Alternative Dispute Resolution dated April 30, 2014.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ I certify that this case is exempt from ADR for the following reasons and the parties wish to exercise that exemption: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s)/Attorney for Plaintiff(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s)/Attorney for Defendant(s)

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Print Name

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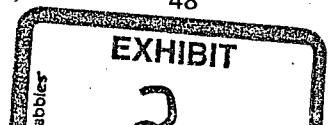
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B.  1. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) was conducted in the form of: Mediation  
(Note: If binding arbitration has been chosen by the parties but not yet completed, an appropriate order of dismissal must be attached hereto.)

2. The neutral(s) was/were: (Name of arbitrator/mediator):  
Eric K. Englebardi

3. The ADR was conducted on 2 September 2014

4. As a result of ADR, this case should be considered (please check one):



- (x) Fully settled (please check one):  
 ( ) by Consent Judgment, to be filed by \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 (x) by Voluntary Dismissal to be filed by Defendant,  
 (Name of Designee)  
 (Name of Designee)
- ( ) Partially Settled  
 ( ) At an impasse  
 ( ) In need of further ADR. (I am/\_\_\_ not willing to continue as neutral.

5. Representative of Plaintiff X was present  
 Defendant X was present.

Other participants were:

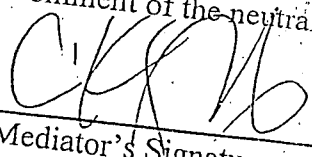
- X Attorney for Plaintiff: James W. Logan, Jr.
- X Attorney for Defendant: Randall S. Hiller
- Representatives for insurance carrier
- Guardian Ad Litem \_\_\_\_\_
- Expert \_\_\_\_\_
- Others: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Choice of the neutral was by:  
X Stipulation  
 — Court Order

7. The total number of hours spent in ADR was: 3.6 hours

8. The total neutral fees were \$1,080.00 (approximately)

Further comment of the neutral:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Mediator's Signature  
 Eric K. Englebardt  
 Print Name  
 864-552-4624/864-282-5944  
 Phone/Fax

Date: September 3, 2014



James W. Logan, Jr., Esquire  
E-mail: [logan@loganjollysmith.com](mailto:logan@loganjollysmith.com)

November 25, 2014

Randall S. Hiller  
Randall S. Hiller, PA  
850-B Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greenville, SC 29609

Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC v. Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller  
C. A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575

Dear Randy:

I recently learned that this matter has yet to be resolved. At the mediation on September 5, 2014, you agreed to the following terms:

- 1) pay Duke Energy the sum of \$379.70;
- 2) you and your wife execute a Projected Property Line Approval Letter;
- 3) allow Duke to place, at your expense, the existing dock for attachment to your Lot 1B;
- 4) agree to a Stipulation of Dismissal of all claims, including all Defendants' counterclaims; and
- 5) in exchange for the above, Duke would issue permits for two (2) docks with the permit for the second dock to have a duration of five years.

Items (1) and (2) above have been accomplished. The balance of these items has not been completed.

I am further advised that, as agreed, you met Jack Huddish of Duke along with the contractor chosen by Duke, i.e. Bobby Fendley of Carolina Dock, at your property on Friday after the mediation, i.e. September 5, 2014. Thereafter, you instructed Mr. Fendley not to perform the work via email on September 22, 2014. I have also been furnished the enclosed photographs showing the incomplete status of this work, as well as the fact that your dock has broken loose from its attachment. The first four photographs were taken November 18, 2014, the remaining photographs were taken on October 23, 2014.

Since this agreed upon work has not been performed, Duke must insist that the following work you authorized to be done on your property be

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performed by Duke's contractor, i.e. Carolina Dock, at your expense. Duke will make contact with Carolina Dock and inform you when Carolina Dock is available to begin this work. The following is a list of the work that must be performed and completed within 30 days of notification of when Carolina Dock can begin their work:

- construct a 4' x 20' fixed pier and attach floating portion of dock at the end of the pier at the correct location and angle as discussed on September 5, 2014 (only 10' of the 20' long pier has been built);
- anchor the floating portion of dock using anchor poles versus anchor cables;
- remove construction debris from within the 800 pbl;

Upon the satisfactory completion of this work, Duke Energy Lake Services will perform a final inspection to determine if permits can then be issued.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

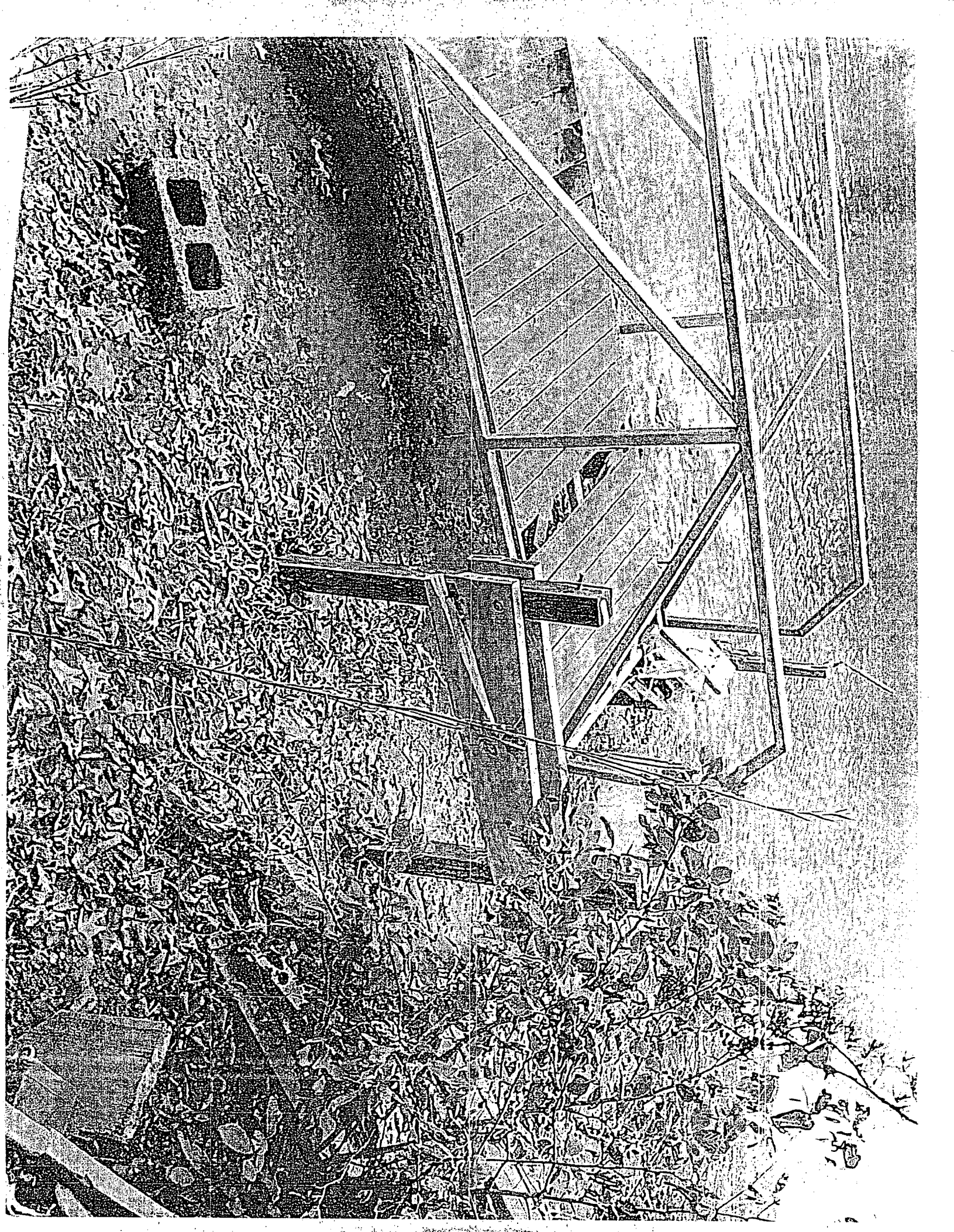
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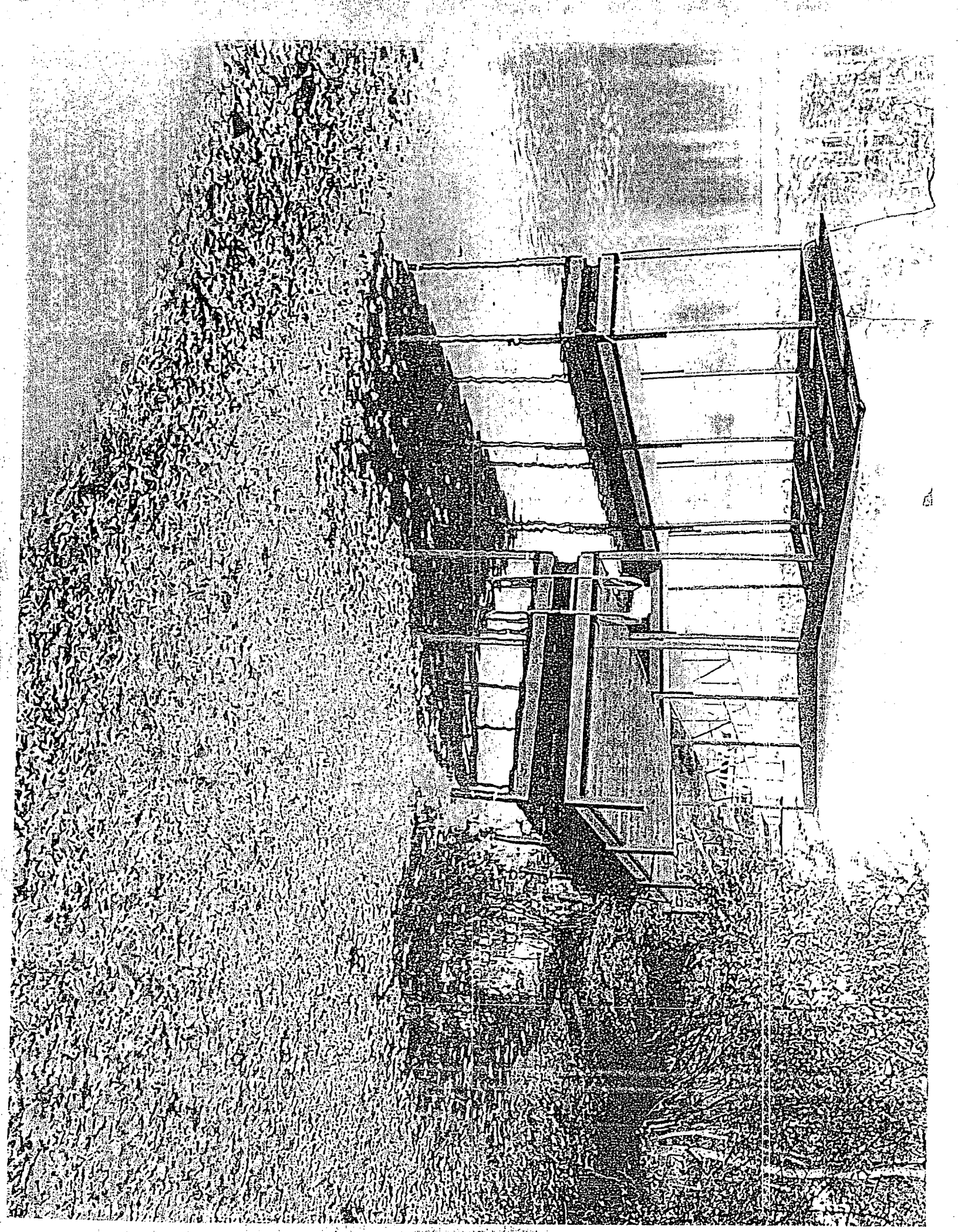
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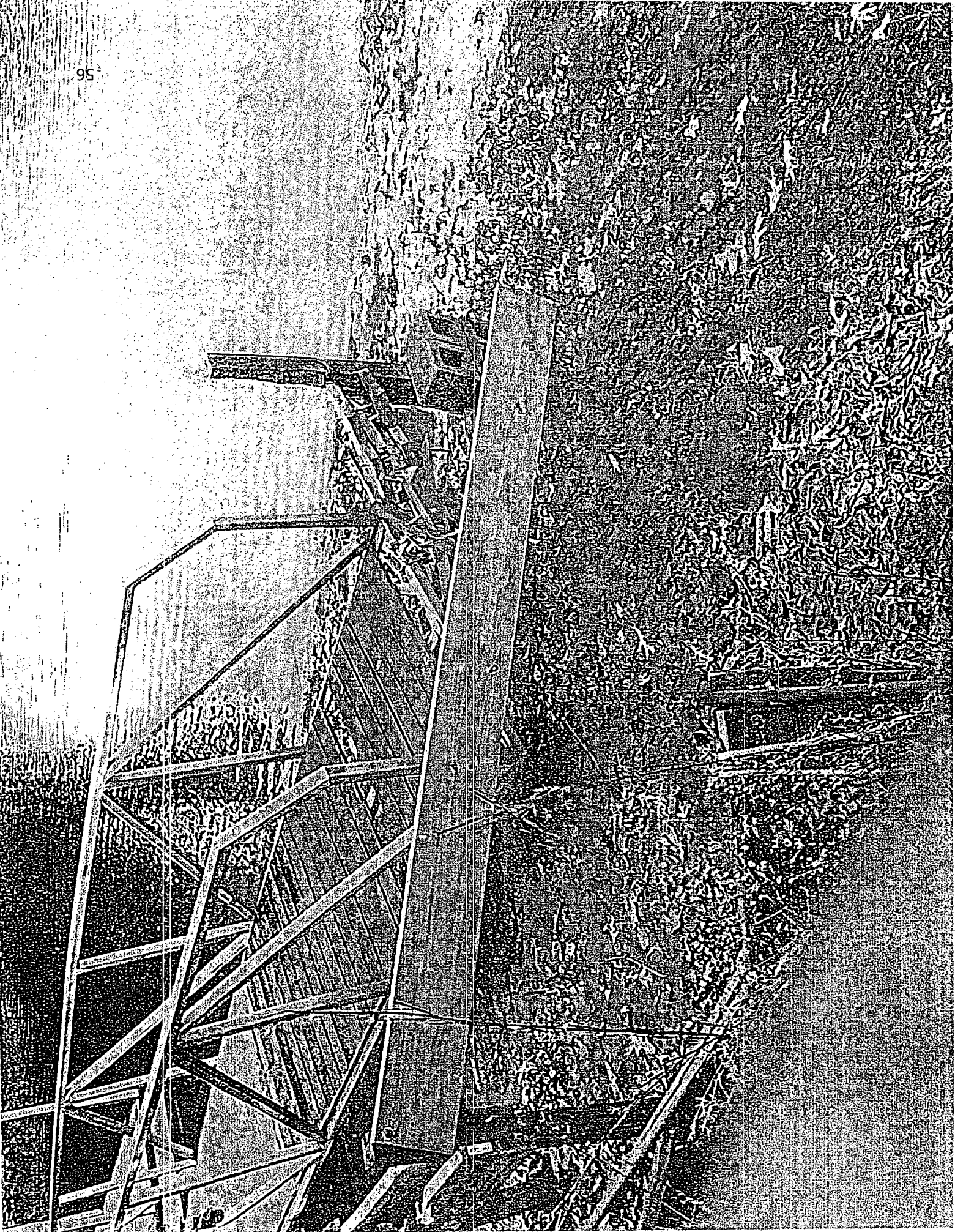
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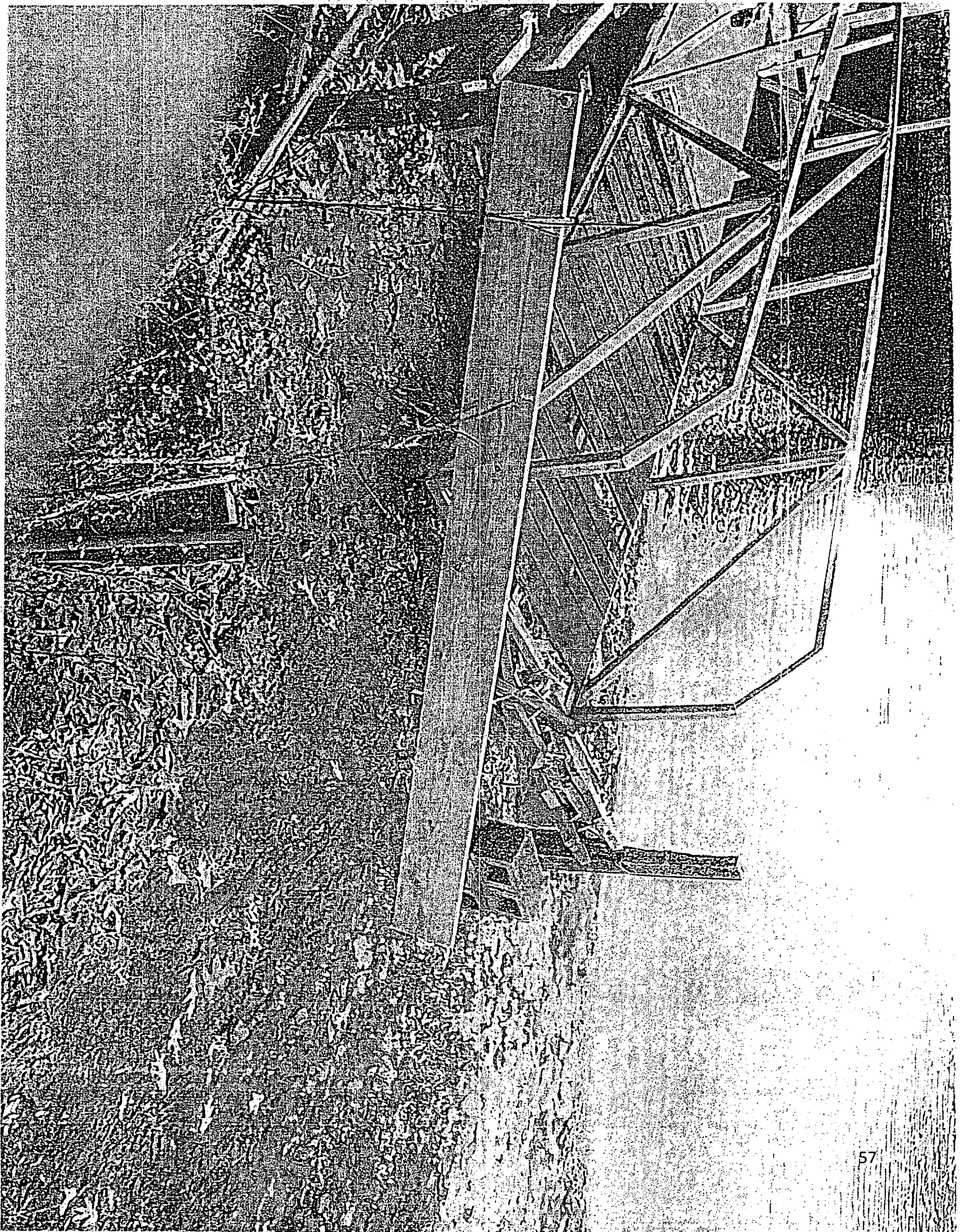
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Joe Hall (via email)  
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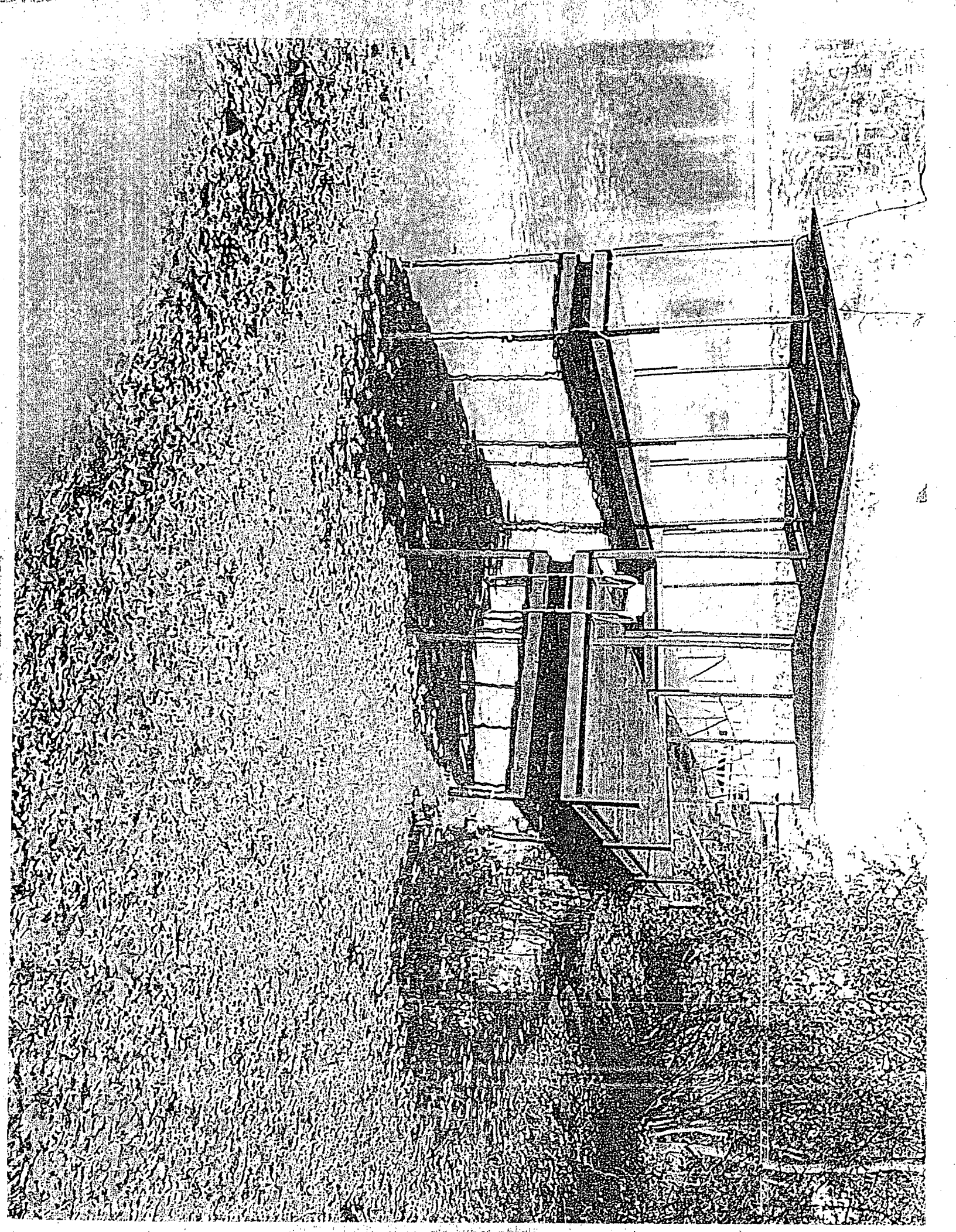




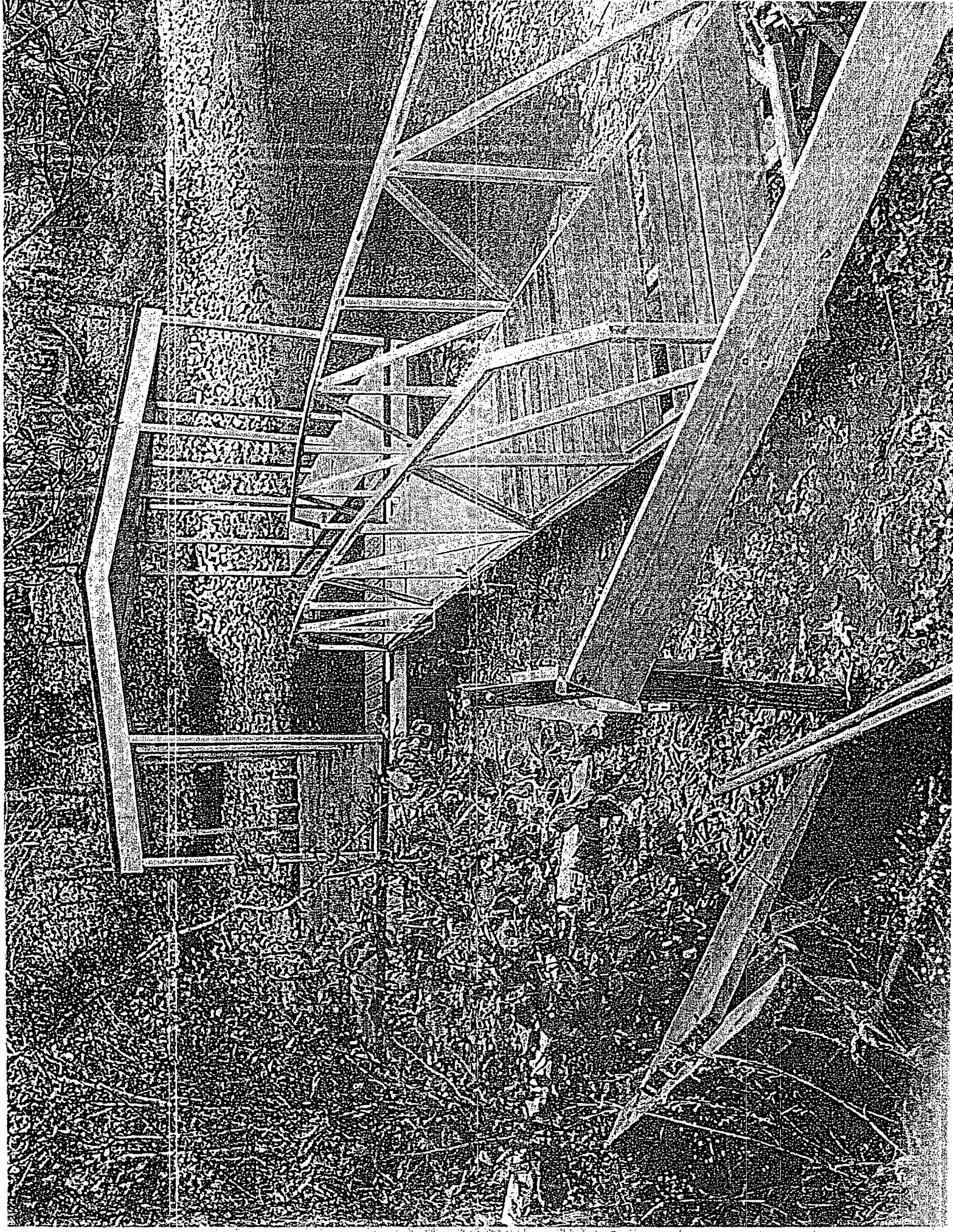


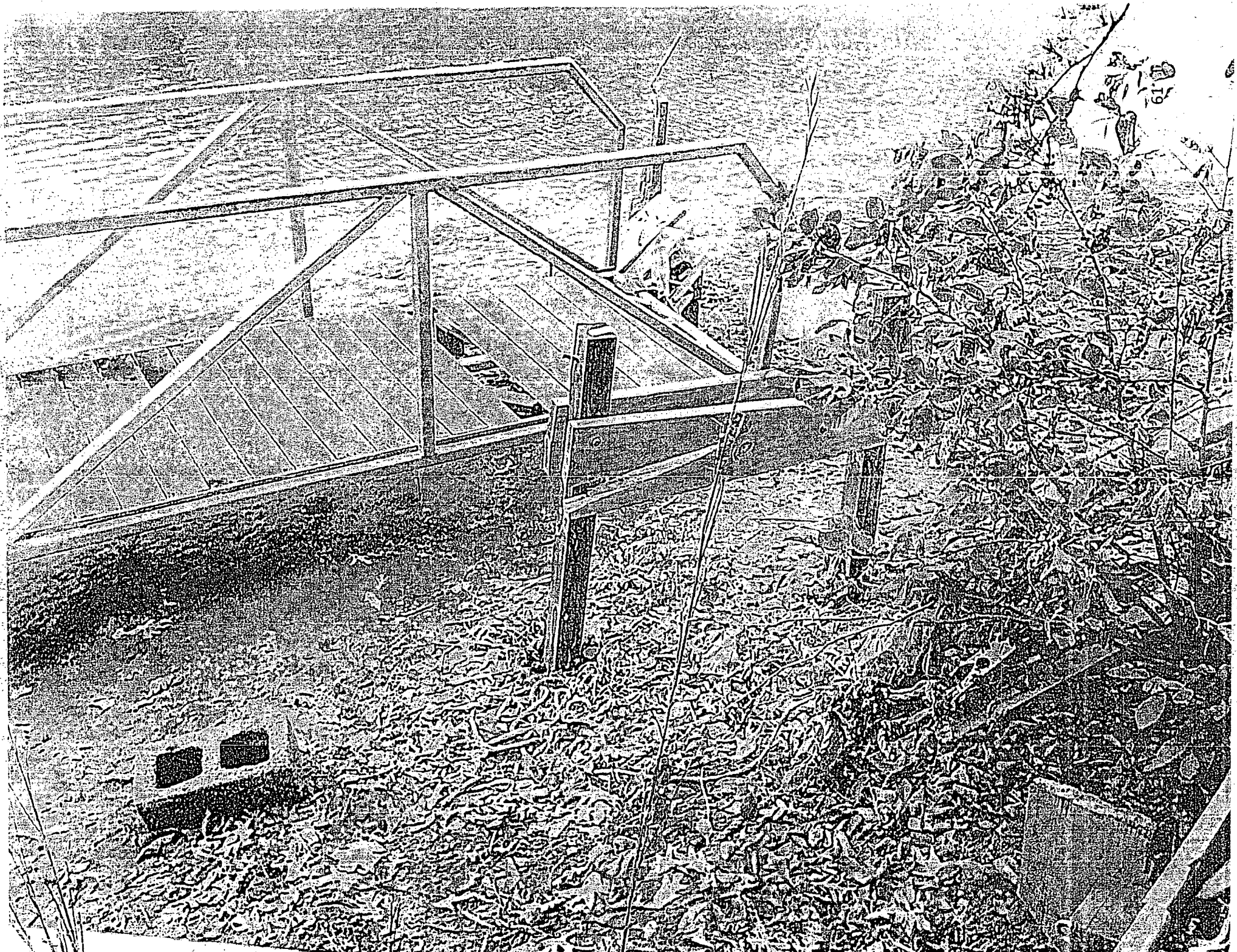


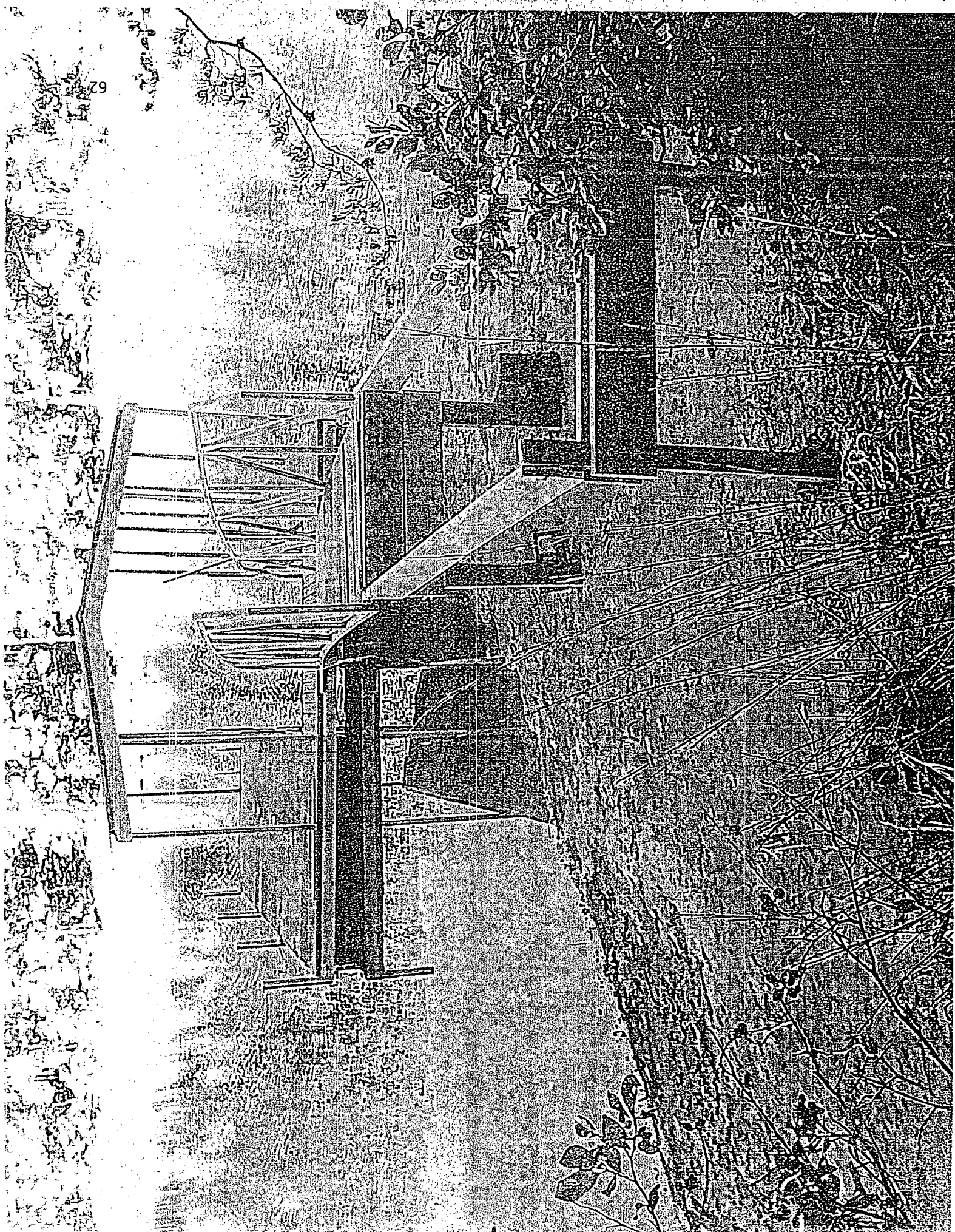












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November 26, 2014

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*Re: Your letter of November 25, 2014*

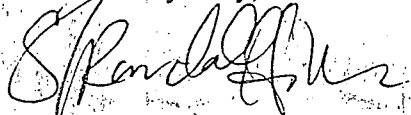
Dear Jim:

I received the above referenced correspondence regarding Duke Energy today, the day before Thanksgiving.


I did in fact comply with all of the terms of the agreement entered into at mediation. I contracted with a contractor to perform the installation of the fixed pier and extend the dock into the position agreed to with Mr. Huddish on site. Obviously, based upon the photographs you provided the contractor did not perform adequately.

While I will make every effort to contact him today, due to the holiday schedule, it may very well not be corrected prior to your receiving this letter although I will insure that someone gets back out there and correctly attaches the dock to the pier as soon as practicable.

Yours very truly,



Randall S. Hiller

RSH 

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**Stephanie Jadrnicek**

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**From:** Randall S. Hiller <rsh@rshpa.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 22, 2014 2:43 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Jadrnicek  
**Subject:** RE: Duke v. Hiller re Repairs

Please advise Mr. Logan that the repairs have been completed.

Randall S. Hiller  
**Randall S. Hiller, P.A.**  
Attorneys at Law  
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**From:** Stephanie Jadrnicek [mailto:stephanie@loganjollysmith.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 22, 2014 2:26 PM  
**To:** 'Randall S. Hiller'  
**Cc:** Jim Logan  
**Subject:** Duke v. Hiller re Repairs

Mr. Hiller,

Please see attached for correspondence from Mr. Logan regarding the status of repairs.

Thank you,

**Stephanie Jadrnicek**  
Paralegal  
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December 22, 2014

*Via email and U.S. Mail*

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Randall S. Hiller  
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Greenville, SC 29609

Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC v. Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller  
C. A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575

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Dear Randy:

Please give me a status update regarding the work required to be done on your dock pursuant to the settlement agreement in question.

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Yours very truly,

Logan, Jolly & Smith, LLP

James W. Logan, Jr.

JWLjr/saj

**Stephanie Jadrnicek**

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**From:** Stephanie Jadrnicek  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** 'Jack.Hudish@duke-energy.com'  
**Cc:** 'Llamas, Lauren Bowman'; 'Hall, Joe S'; Jim Logan (logan@loganjollysmith.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Duke v. Hiller re Completion of Repairs  
**Attachments:** Photos 12-30-14.pdf

Jack,

Please see below and attached for correspondence sent to Mr. Hiller.

Thank you,

**Stephanie Jadrnicek**  
**Paralegal**  
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**From:** Stephanie Jadrnicek  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'Randall S. Hiller'  
**Cc:** Jim Logan (logan@loganjollysmith.com)  
**Subject:** Duke v. Hiller.re Completion of Repairs

*(Sent on behalf of Jim Logan)*

Dear Randy,

Following receipt of your email of December 22, I asked Duke to verify completion of your dock repairs. This work has not been completed as shown in the attached photographs, dated December 30, 2014. Please take all necessary steps to have this work completed immediately or Duke will have no alternative but to send out its contractor to complete this work and bill you accordingly per our original agreement at mediation.

Thank you,

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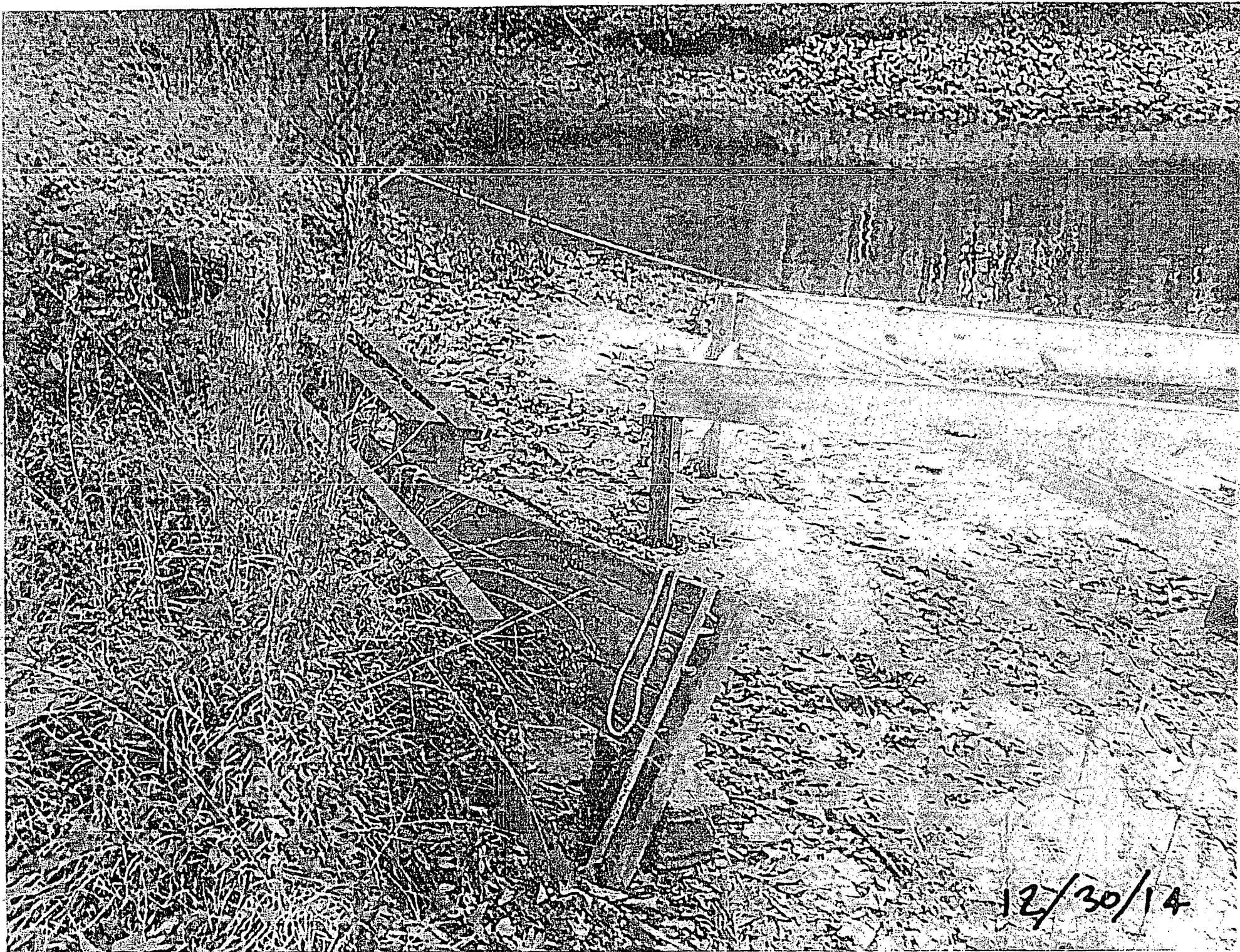
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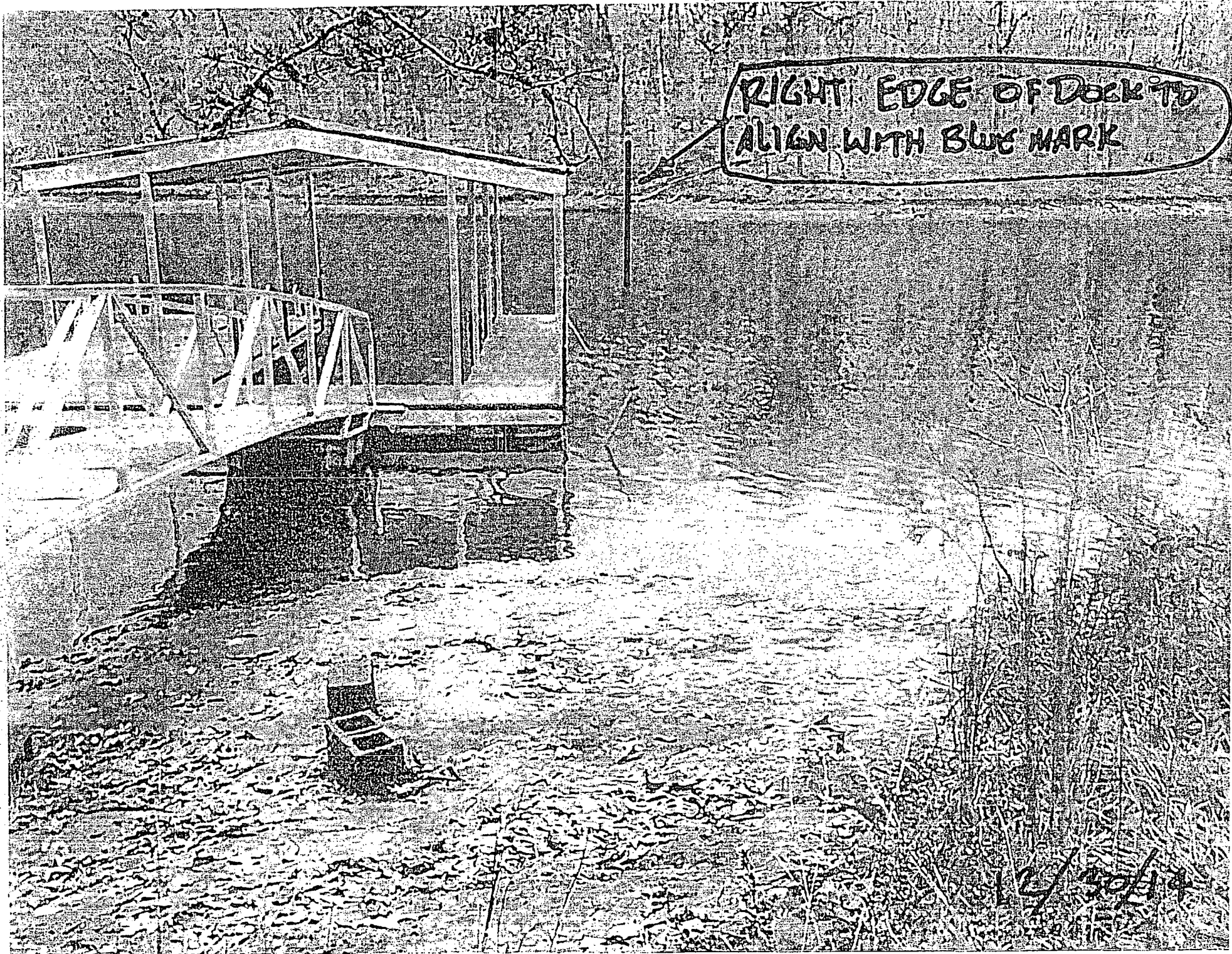
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RIGHT EDGE OF DECK TO  
ALIGN WITH BLUE MARK

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December 30, 2014

*Via Electronic Mail*

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*Re: Duke Energy v. Randall S. Hiller, et al*

Dear Jim:

I received a message today from your paralegal indicating the desire of Duke Energy to relocate the dock to the right towards the property line of my neighbor to the right.

Let me recount again what has transpired since our mediation. As you know at the mediation I expressed no knowledge of the time, expense or effort necessary to properly locate the dock and relied upon the representations made to me by Duke's representatives in agreeing to the thirty day time line. Everything that I personally was required to do within that time frame I did. That included meeting with Mr. Huddish the Friday following the conclusion of the mediation who had with him at that time a representative of a dock installation company.

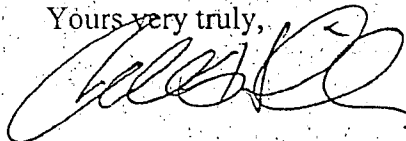
The representative indicated that he could not manufacture a fixed pier, as required to set the dock in the proper location, within the time frame which had been agreed upon during the mediation. He was likewise decidedly pessimistic about the possibility of even setting the dock on the fixed pier within that time frame but agreed to see if it was possible. At that meeting we physically laid out the dock insuring that it was "at least" far enough away from the imaginary line required from the joint property line with my neighbor to my right. I emphasize the words "at least" as that is the way it was represented to me at the time. In other words, I could not err to the right but I could err to the left. In fact, as we laid it out it was laid out with some error to the left to avoid any possibility of crossing the imaginary line to the right. At the conclusion of laying out the fixed pier and the ultimate location of the dock it was agreed that I would retain a contractor to construct the fixed pier and I would receive a quotation attaching the dock to the fixed pier.



I did that but the contractor who installed the fixed pier offered to attach the dock and I accepted rather than using two contractors.

As I understand the photos and the correspondence I received today, the complaint now is that the dock is too far off the imaginary line rather than over the imaginary line. Frankly, this is the first time that I have ever heard of Duke complaining about a dock being more inside the confines of the property lines than without it. Notwithstanding the fact that this was never expressed to me prior to my paying to have it placed, why would anybody complain about that? If I have to relocate the dock again this time it will not be at my contractor's expense. Please have someone explain to me why this would be a violation of any of the rules and regulations or our agreement.

Yours very truly,



Randall S. Hiller

*RSH/ak*



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February 12, 2015

*Via email and U.S. Mail*

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Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC v. Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller  
C. A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575

Dear Randy:

Thank you for meeting us at your property on Lake Keowee on Friday, February 6, 2015 in an effort to resolve our remaining issues arising out of the mediated settlement of September 2, 2014. At that meeting, it was agreed that you would do the following:

1. Align the right side of your dock (looking from your house) with the stake on the other side of the cove that Joe Hall installed during that meeting (see enclosed photos);
2. Complete the fixed pier structure and cover with deck boards;
3. Anchor the walkway from the covered boat slip to the retaining wall at the 800 foot contour line (if the walkway is a few feet less than the 50 feet shown on the Stephen R. Edwards & Associates, Inc. plat dated 5/19/2011, Duke agreed to not raise an objection);
4. Anchor the dock securely using spud poles as opposed to anchor cables;
5. Clean up trash, cement block and damaged sea wall boards from below the 800 contour line; and
6. Contact Duke Energy when all is completed so the final inspection can be conducted and the dock tagged.

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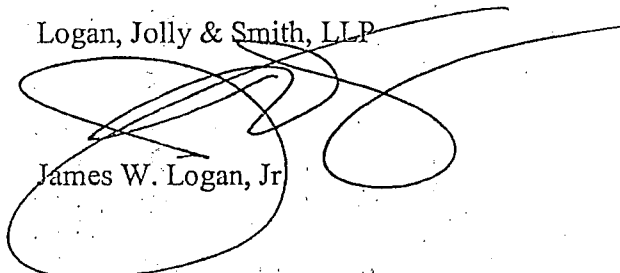


Finally, you agreed that all the work referenced above would be completed within 30 days of February 6, 2015.

If I have misstated the agreement in any way, please advise me immediately.

Yours very truly,

Logan, Jolly & Smith, LLP



James W. Logan, Jr

JWLjr/saj  
Enclosures

Bcc: Lauren Llamas (via email)  
Joe Hall (via email)  
Jack Huddish (via email)

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Re: *Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller vs. Duke Energy*  
C.A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575

Dear Jim:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 12, 2015. Prior to responding to the items set forth therein let me recap the events that have occurred since September 2.

At the mediation I specifically stated that I had no relationship or contact with any type of dock contractor and was relying completely upon Duke's representation with regards to the timeframe necessary to complete the obligations I undertook at settlement. I met with Duke's representative on the Friday following the mediation as agreed. Duke brought with them a dock contractor as they had promised at mediation that could complete the task as required. Upon arrival, literally, the first thing out of the contractor's mouth was that it would not be possible for them to build or install the fixed portion of the dock within the timeframe allotted. The contractor was equally pessimistic, although not quite as firm, that they could not set the dock even if the fixed pier was installed within the time allotted. It was agreed that I would attempt to obtain a contractor to construct the fixed pier and Duke's contractor would attempt to meet the deadline in setting the dock.

While we were there the Duke representative and the contractor staked on the ground the line for the fixed pier support post that would place the dock in the position required.

As a result of the very short timeframe remaining after this meeting I was required to find a contractor who was available rather than the best contractor for the job. This proved to be a very difficult task but I was able to locate a crew and went with them to the site on the day that they set the support post specifically to insure that they put the post in the positions that had been staked by the Duke representative at our earlier meeting.

At the meeting we had at your request on February 6 the alignment of the dock requested by Duke on that date is at least 20 feet to the left of the alignment shown to me on September 5.

Despite this fact I will agree to angle the dock to the alignment posted by the surveyors flag at our meeting of February 6.

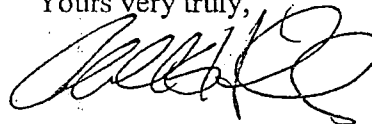


Whether I use spud posts or not will be entirely up to the recommendation of the contractor that I elect to perform that task. Nothing contained within our original settlement, Duke's Rules and Regulations or the docks to my left and right mandate the use of spud poles.

I will not be subjected to an arbitrary and unreasonable timeframe for the completion of that relocation. As indicated above the timeline originally suggested to me at mediation proved unreasonably short requiring me to retain a contractor that could do it rather than do it right. Apparently that expense has largely been wasted and I do not intend to waste any further money meeting a deadline rather than a proper and permanent solution.

I will work diligently and continuously to accomplish one final relocation of the dock and notify Duke upon its completion.

Yours very truly,



Randall S. Hiller

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March 18, 2015

*Via email and U.S. Mail*

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Re: **Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC v. Randall S. Hiller and Janet C. Hiller** C. A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575

Dear Randy:

Recently, Duke Energy representatives checked your property on Lake Keowee to determine the status of work which you agreed to do as outlined in my letter of February 12, 2015. Attached are the photographs taken which show that no additional work has been done.

My letter of February 12, 2015, outlined exactly what you agreed to do and the timeframe that you agreed to do it in as a result of our meeting on February 6, 2015. Your subsequent letter of February 18, 2015, was not well-received by Duke Energy in which you basically said you would do this work when you get around to it. That time period is not acceptable to my client. This matter has been going on for years and it is time for it to come to an end.

I have been instructed by Duke Energy to inform you that unless each item set forth in my letter of February 12, 2015, is completed within ten (10) days from the date of this letter appropriate legal action will be taken to remove your property, including your dock, from Duke Energy's property. In addition, Duke Energy reserves the right to revoke any and all permits that have been issued to you in the past and no further permits will be issued for your property should you choose not to cooperate.

Duke Energy will not permit this condition in front of your lot and on its property to remain any longer.



Yours very truly,

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**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC v. Randall S. Hiller and Janet C.  
Hiller C. A. No.: 2013-CP-37-575**

Dear Randy:

I received your email of 4/27/15 stating that the repairs to the dock have been completed. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

As shown on the attached photos of your property taken on 5/5/15, the following items have not been corrected:

1. The deck is NOT aligned correctly. The right edge of the dock is too far to the right (see photos); and
2. Spud poles were NOT used as the anchor method (see photos). The current anchor method is temporary and is not only contrary to the agreement, but will continually result in the same problems with the dock that have been the subject of litigation with you for years.

Unless these problems are addressed before the hearing on May 12, 2015, we intend to proceed with the hearing.

Yours very truly,

Logan, Jolly & Smith, LLP

James W. Logan, Jr.

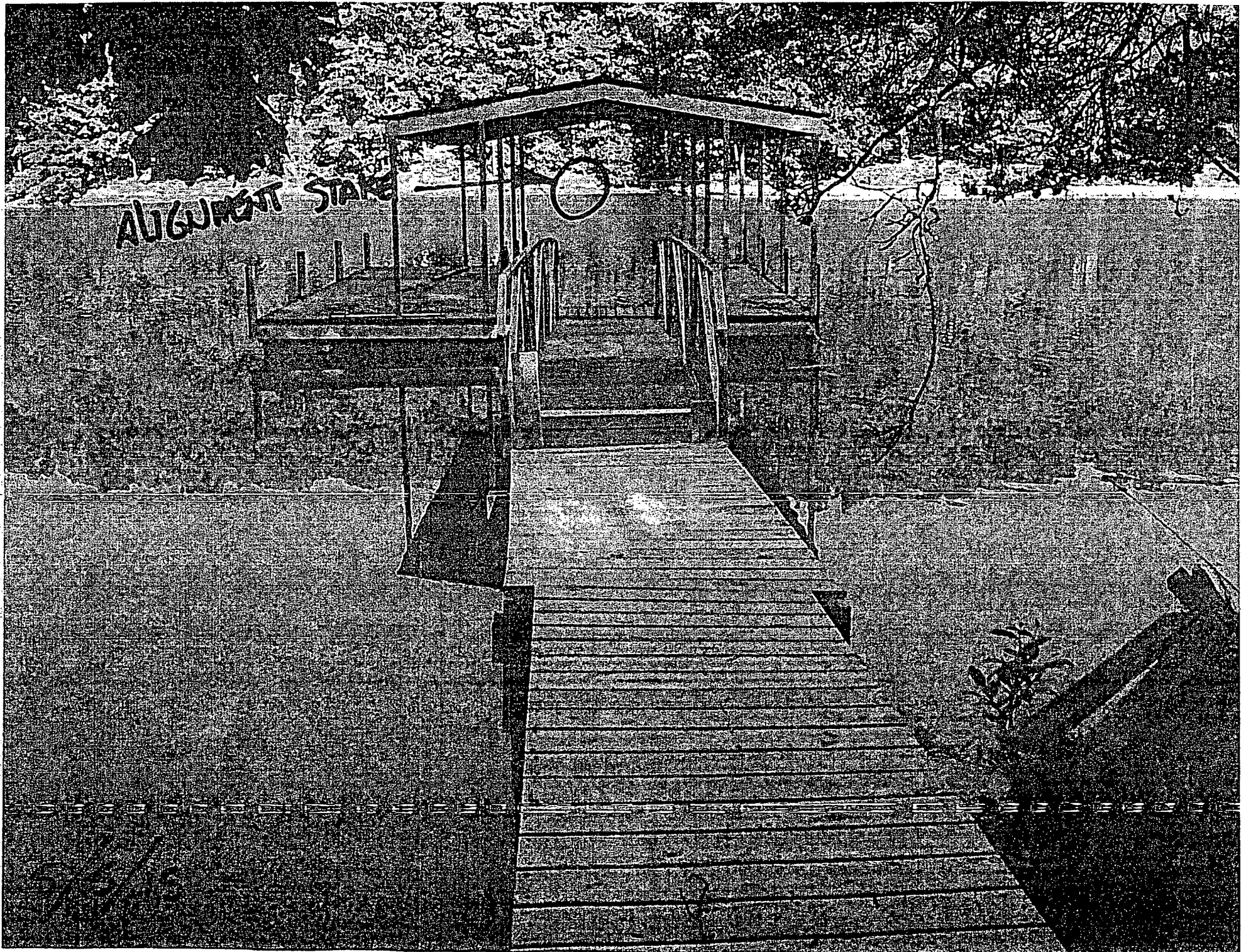
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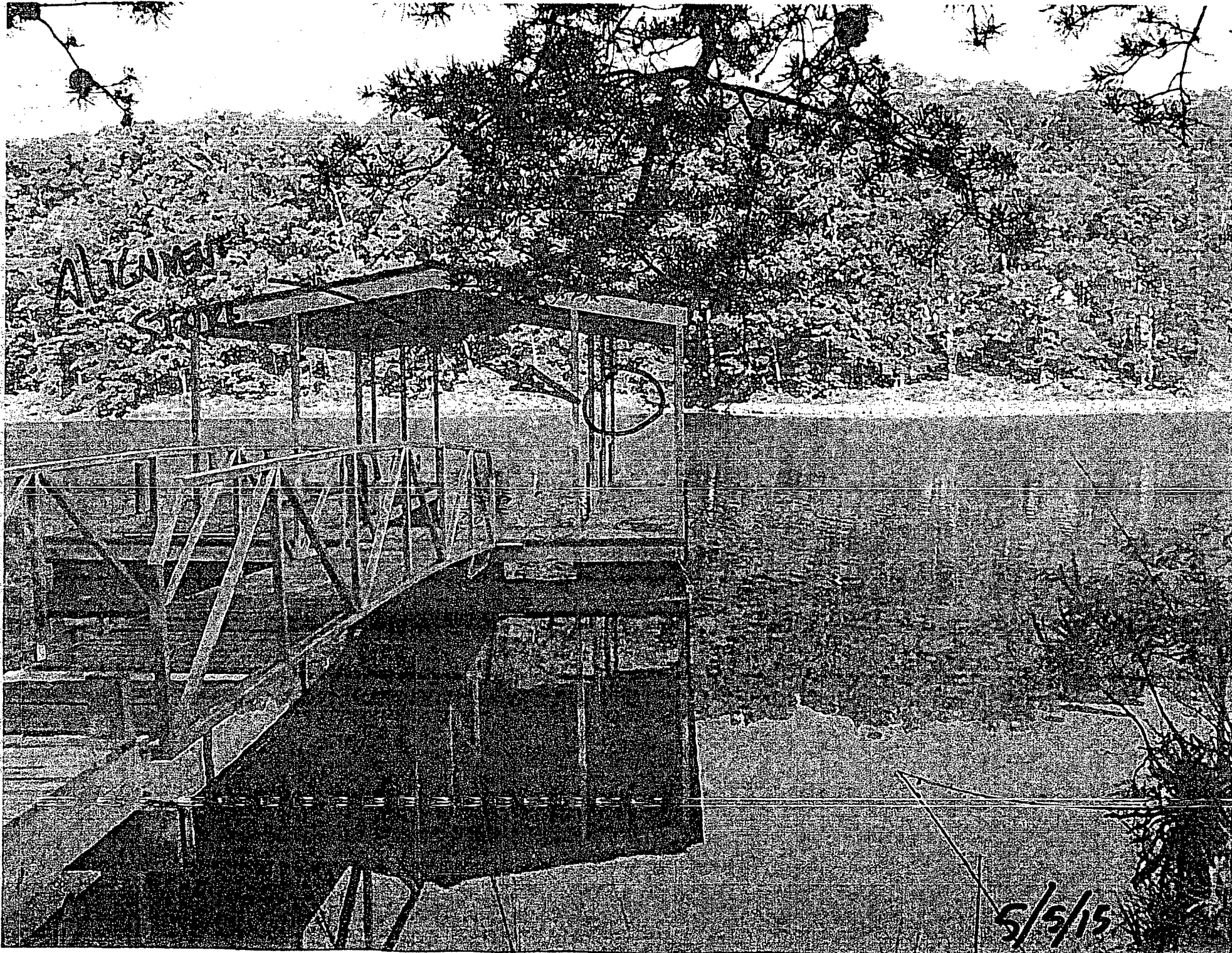
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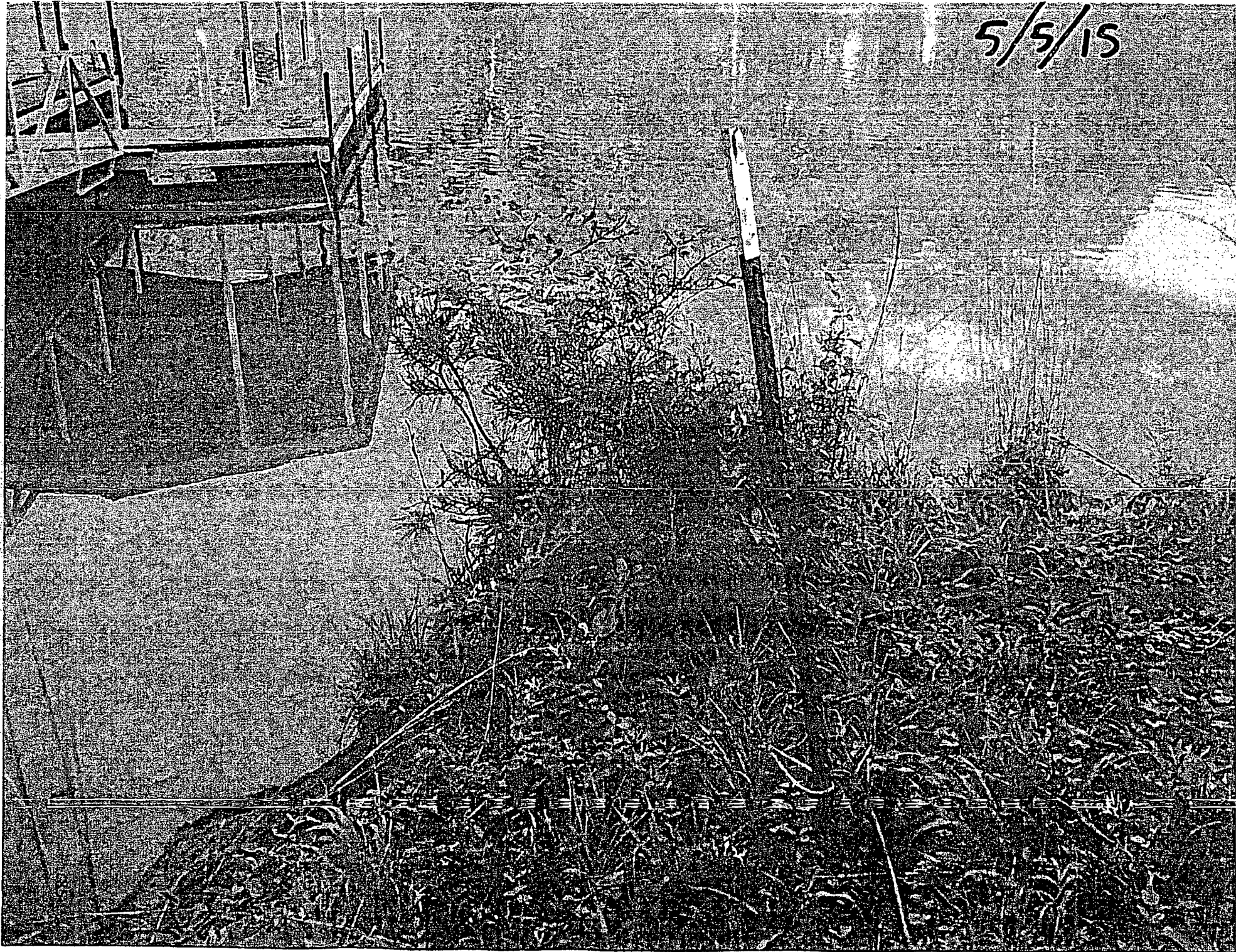


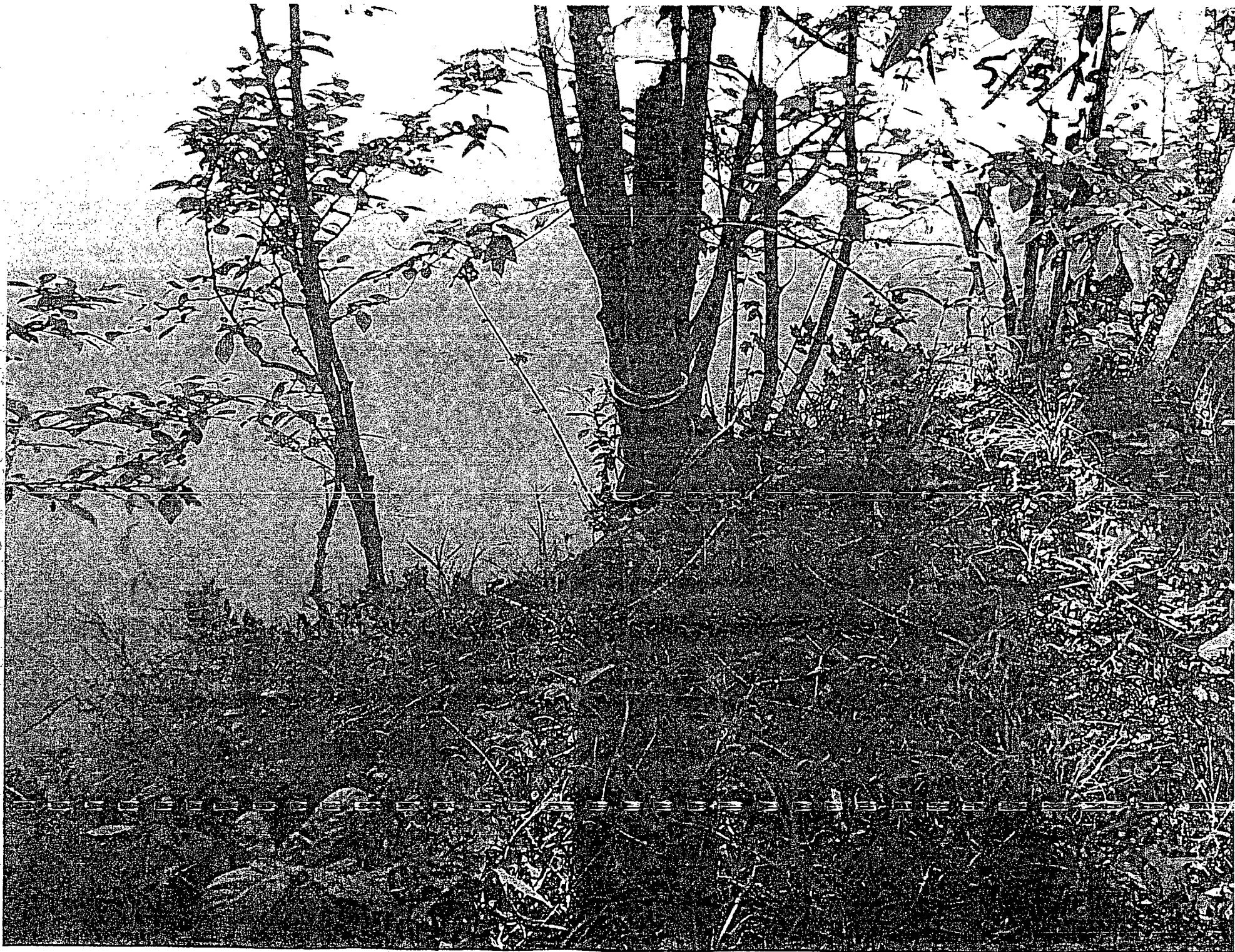
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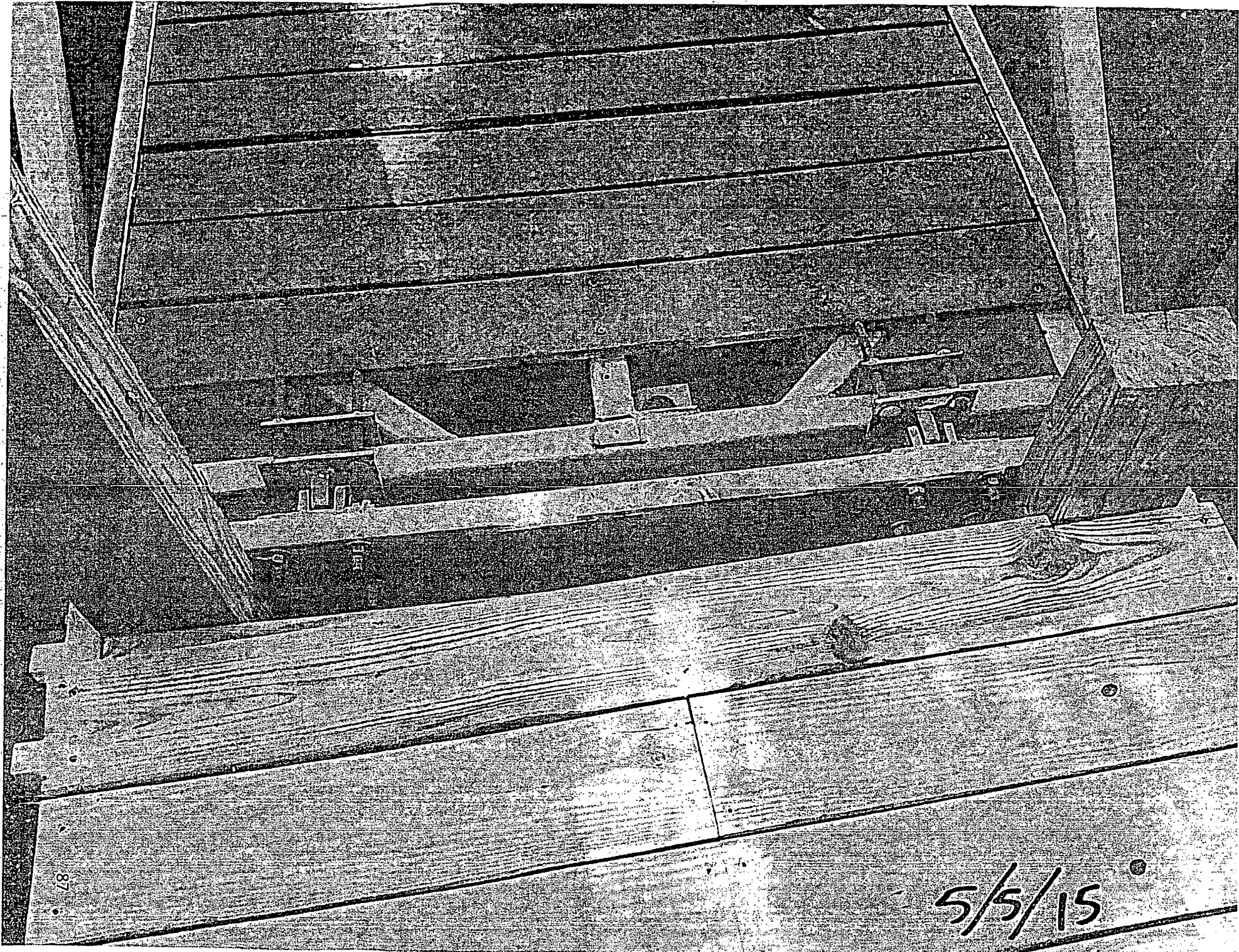
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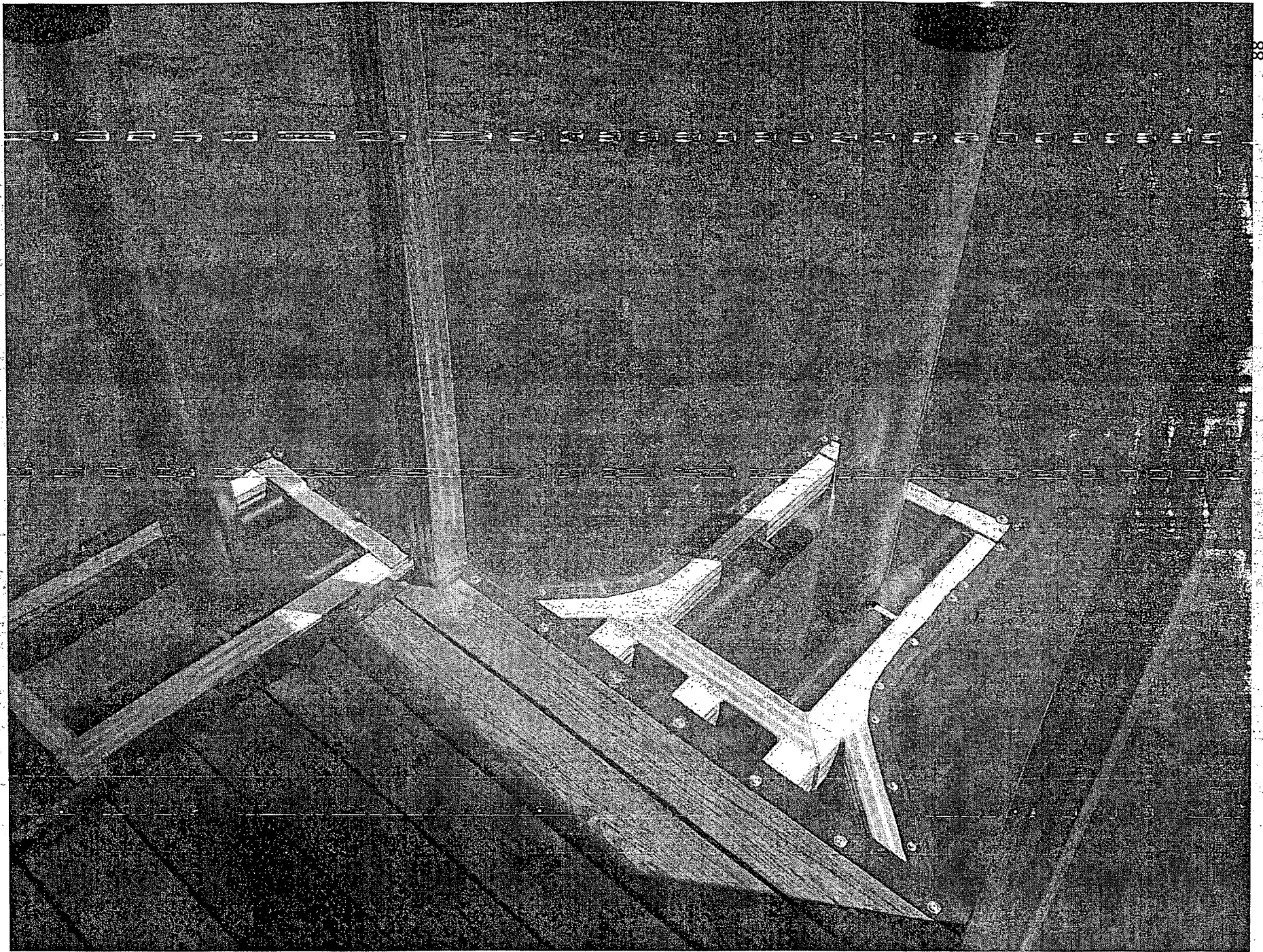


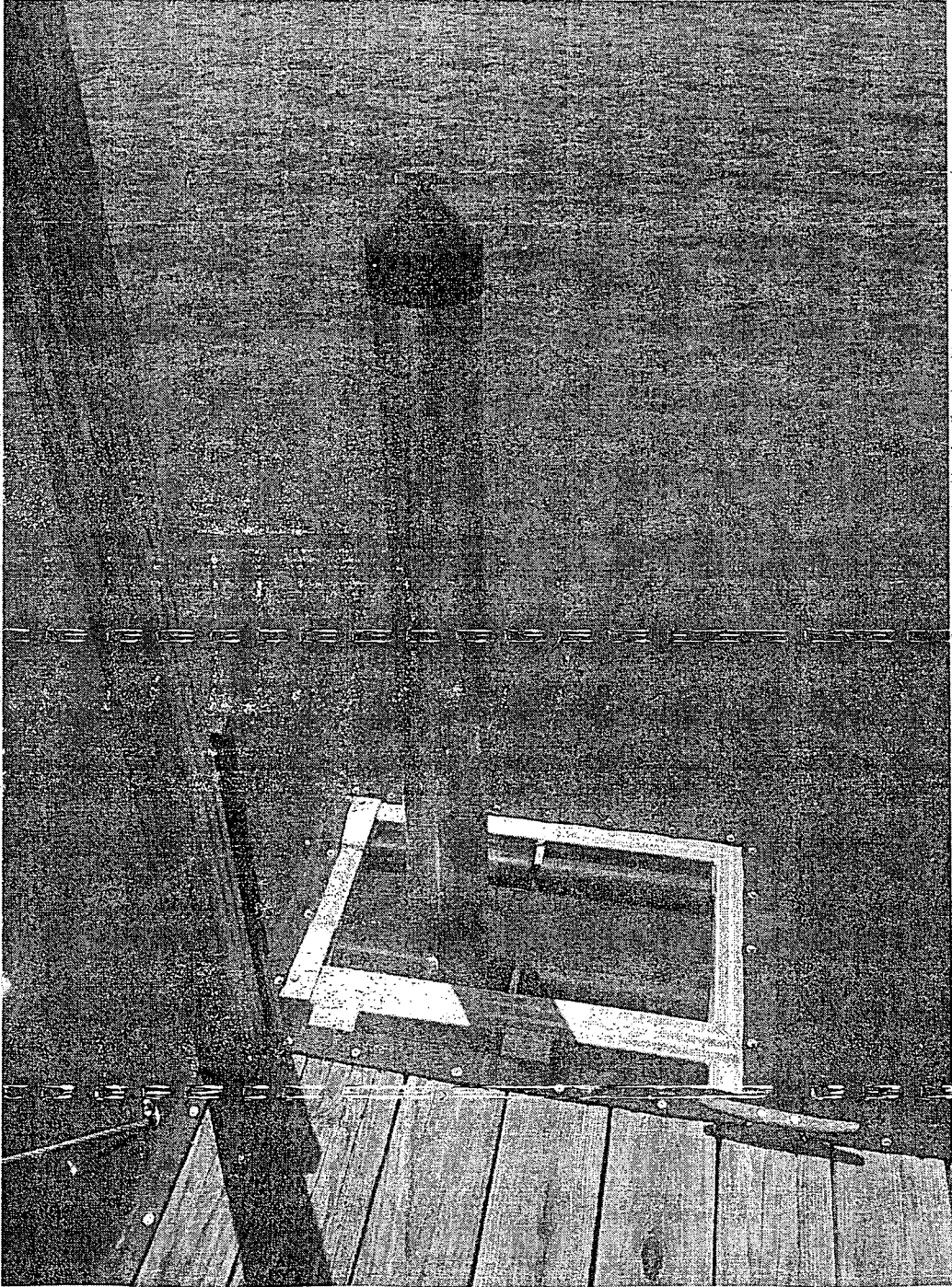




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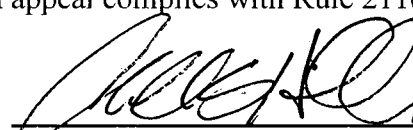
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CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL

The undersigned certified that this record on appeal complies with Rule 211(b), SCACR.

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