STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Request for Approval of Revisions to Lighting Rate Schedules

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Charles Terreni
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Request for Approval of Revisions to Lighting Rate Schedules

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On December 19, 2007, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ("EISA") was enacted into law requiring, among other things, that ballasts installed in certain metal halide and mercury vapor fixtures meet higher energy standards beginning January 1, 2009. In short, the EISA effectively eliminated standard probe start ballasts in new lamp fixtures for lamps requiring 150 to 500 watts of power, with some exclusions. To comply with the EISA it is necessary that South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") revise its lighting rate schedules, namely Rates 17, 18, 25, 26, and Residential Subdivision Street Lighting (collectively referred to herein as the "Revised Lighting Schedules"). The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") approve the Revised Lighting Schedules enclosed herein.

Under its Revised Lighting Schedules, SCE&G is eliminating its offering of probe start metal halide and mercury vapor fixtures that do not comply with the EISA because they will not be manufactured in the future. Consequently, these fixtures will not be available for new applications for service effective January 2009. To the extent that any probe start metal halide or mercury vapor fixtures exist in SCE&G's current inventory, the Company will make these fixtures available to existing customers as replacement light sets only. However, after SCE&G's existing inventory of probe start metal halide and mercury vapor fixtures is completely exhausted, the Company will no longer offer these fixtures to its customers. For ease of reference, all the fixtures that SCE&G intends to eliminate from its inventory as a result of the EISA are highlighted in red on the Revised Lighting Schedules.

In response to the EISA's elimination of certain probe start metal halide and mercury vapor fixtures and as reflected on the Revised Lighting Schedules, SCE&G will offer its customers new metal halide fixtures which comply with the EISA and are comparable to the fixtures being eliminated by the EISA in that they provide the Company's customers with a white light alternative. For ease of reference, all the fixtures that SCE&G intends to add to its inventory are highlighted in green on the Revised Lighting Schedules.

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In addition to the revisions resulting from the EISA, the Company is also making other adjustments to its Revised Lighting Schedules. The proposed revisions are stated below.

With regard to Rate 18, SCE&G is proposing a change under the section entitled "Applicability", which is consistent with the EISA. SCE&G is also proposing a grammatical change under the section entitled "General Terms and Conditions." For ease of reference, both proposed language revisions are in red-line format.

As for Rate 25, SCE&G is proposing to eliminate the fixture entitled "50,000 Lumens (HPS)(400W)" under the section entitled "Rate." According to SCE&G's records no customer uses this lighting fixture. Moreover, SCE&G offers other lighting fixtures which are comparable to this fixture. For ease of reference, this revision is in red-line format.

With regard to Residential Subdivision Street Lighting, the Company is proposing a language change under the section entitled "Rate" which is consistent with the EISA. For ease of reference, the proposed language revision is in red-line format.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F) (Supp. 2008), the Commission may issue an order allowing rates and tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing when such rates "[d]o not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or . . . do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility . . . ." The Revised Lighting Schedules will not require a determination of the entire rate structure or result in an increase in rates for customers; therefore, SCE&G respectfully requests that the Commission review the attached Revised Lighting Schedules and approve them without notice and hearing.

The Company also respectfully requests that the changes proposed herein be made effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of April, 2009.

By copy of this letter, we are also serving counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of the Revised Lighting Schedules and attach a certificate of service to that effect.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

K. Chad Burgess

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Enclosures

cc: Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire (via hand delivery w/enclosures)

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IN RE:

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This is the certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Revised Lighting Rate Schedules of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company** via hand delivery to the person named below at the address set forth:

Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201

Karen M. Scruggs

Columbia, South Carolina
This 17th day of March 2009