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February 26, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P. O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sir:

It is unconsciousnable that S.C. Electric and Gas Company would request a 9.5% rate hike in these times of economic struggle – especially when they will already be receiving a 2.5% rate increase annually for the next ten years, following a 4.4% rate hike in 2008!

And to add insult to injury, the requested increase is not to pay down debt or to fund new ways to save energy as well as money, but TO PAY BONUSES TO EXECUTIVES and to make sure investors receive a profit.

It is totally unnecessary for SCE & G to advertise – on billboards, in newspapers, magazines, etc. because we consumers do not have a choice of where to buy our electricity and gas. We are totally dependent on SCE & G. **Therefore, I am counting on the members of the Public Service Commission to have the gumption to be tough and stand up for what is right.** SCE & G does not deserve the consideration of even a token raise in rates.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann R. Liles

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