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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 4:47 PM
To: 'Chales Harbin'
Subject: RE: PSC of SC Docket NO. 2011-271-E

Dear Mr. Harbin,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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From: Chales Harbin [mailto:poohcdh@gmail.com]
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Oct. 21, 2011

I would like to submit an OBJECTION to the proposed Duke Power request for a rate increase. I (am) have been unable to attend the scheduled public hearings the Commission had/has scheduled due to transportation problems, but I wish to voice my objection because of the following reasons:

Duke Power has been slowly reducing its' once provided and expected line tree branch clearing of common electric lines that service 2 or more branches from the street main lines. Duke Power, less than 10 years ago, provided this service to businesses and home owners. Now Duke's representatives say this is not true.(large limbs overhang these lines that could break and sever the power to homes during high winds, lightning, Ice and snow storms). If a line services 1 home/business, then I agree that the 1 homeowner/business should be responsible for the pruning. But, a service line that branches from a service power pole providing power to more than one individual property owners' home/business, who is responsible for removing the potentially overall power loss overhangs? Less than 10 years ago Duke Power provided this service for property adjacent to my property that has a service line pole that provides power to 3 rental homes.

My second objection to the rate increase is that Duke Power's Aug. 2011(3rd Qtr.) revenue was up 7% with a lower power demand and Duke was granted an increase to cover costs to pay for construction of new plants (in NC, SC, and Indiana). Duke did have some losses due to power lines, substation, etc. from weather damage. From the revenue increase apparently this was more than offset by the revenue increase. Regardless, at this time and economic conditions throughout SC, a rate increase should not be granted to Duke at this time..

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