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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
ATTN: Docketing Department
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Columbia, SC 29211

re: SCE&G Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Members of the Commission:

It is outrageous to me that SCE&G is again asking for another rate increase. They have already been awarded a 4.4% increase in rates in 2008. They have already been awarded a 2.5% increase in rates ANNUALLY for the next 10 years. THIS IS CAPITALISM AT IT’S MOST EVIL STATE - making excessive profit by being the exclusive provider of a life requiring service. Excessive profit is EVIL in healthcare and it is EVIL in the supply of life essential power.

When investor profit takes precedence over a service that is necessary to simply live, it is an immoral state of affairs. I believe it is your role as over-seers of a private industry serving the public interest to ensure that citizens can AFFORD power and that private investment take a back seat to affordability. Investors are allowed to take losses. It is not an investment if there is no risk of loss. The entire economy is hurting. How can you subject people in this economy to repeated outrageous increases in the cost of something necessary to live?

Instead of permitting a rate increase I would like to suggest that the commission require SCE&G to offer incentives to individuals for purchasing solar and wind power generating systems. SCE&G has failed miserably in this regard when compared to other power producing companies. SCE&G wants to sell power to citizens but it does not want to pay citizens who produce electric power for the grid. It does no advertising in this regard. It has no incentive programs in this regard. I can find not web pages on its web site in this regard.