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

RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sir/Madam:

In this already struggling economy, I find it criminal that you would think of asking for a 10% increase on an already too high utility.

Most people that are blessed to have employment have not seen a raise in their salary for almost three years, myself included. Most have taken pay cuts in order to keep their jobs. We are all struggling with rising costs in gas, food, taxes and mortgage payments, just to name a few of the daily living expenses that have an immediate impact on our already restricted budgets.

You were already approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008. That is 6.9 percent higher than my annual increase of zero percent.

How in good conscious can you expect the residents of South Carolina to survive?

Sincerely,

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