February 26, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docking Department
PO Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sirs:

Didn't we just get an increase for SCE&G? How can you in good conscience attempt to raise our rates again? Other regional companies do not charge nearly as much as you do. The average is 20% less for their power.

This is such a hard time for most consumers and small businesses today. People are struggling to make ends meet, and you want to raise our power bills by 10%. This will prove an additional hardship that is unbearable for so many people. This is pure greed.

Please rethink this. I am beginning to think the whole process of having a Public Service Commission in the State of South Carolina may be a totally corrupt process. Not all states have a process like this, and they do far better by the consumers.

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