October 26, 2018

Via SCPSC E-FILING DMS

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920; Docket No. 2017-305-E

Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans; Docket No. 2017-370-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:


On September 26, 2017, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") a Request for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's ("SCE&G") Rates ("ORS Rate Relief Request Case"). Walmart filed a Petition to Intervene in this case on October 5, 2017, which was granted by Commission Directive on October 25, 2017.

On January 12, 2018, SCE&G and Dominion Energy, Inc. ("Dominion") filed a Joint Application and Petition for review and approval of a proposed business merger between SCANA Corporation, SCE&G's parent company, and Dominion ("SCE&G/Dominion Merger Case"). Walmart filed a Petition to Intervene in this case on January 29, 2018, which was granted by Commission Directive on February 21, 2018. On September 24, 2018, Walmart also filed the Direct Testimony and Exhibit of Steve W. Chriss in the SCE&G/Dominion Merger case. Evidentiary hearings are scheduled to begin on November 1, 2018.
Walmart has reviewed the filings in the above-referenced cases, and it supports any ongoing rate reductions for SCE&G ratepayers that are the result of SCE&G's abandonment of the construction of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Units 2 and 3. Walmart believes that any reduction in rates or bill credits that relate to SCE&G's abandonment of the nuclear units is just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

In regard to the SCE&G/Dominion Merger Case, Walmart takes no position on the efficacy of the merger itself. As reflected in the Direct Testimony of Walmart witness Steve W. Chriss, Walmart believes that, in the event the Commission does approve the proposed merger, the Commission should include, at a minimum, SCE&G/Dominion's proposed level of bill credits and rate reductions (Walmart has no objection to the proposed revenue allocation and rate design). Walmart also recommends two conditions that should be required within 60 days of the close of the transaction: that SCE&G (1) convene a stakeholder process to develop one or more renewable energy offerings for each customer type; and (2) work with interested large customers to structure the expansion of SCE&G's currently available interruptible service program.

Walmart appreciates the opportunity to participate in these proceedings, as well as the time and efforts of the Commission, ORS, and other parties, and Walmart looks forward to presenting its testimony at the Hearing.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via Electronic Mail. Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the following parties to this proceeding via Electronic Mail:

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