April 28, 1010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear SC Public Service Commission of SC,

I want to express my outrage and intense objection against the recently proposed rate increase by SCE&G. This is wrong, wrong, wrong. We are in the middle of a recession that has severely affected South Carolina which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. With teachers and police subject to furloughs it is unthinkable that SCE&G would propose a rate hike of 9.52%. Although last year we replaced our A/C unit with a high energy unit and have reduced our energy consumption our energy costs continue to increase rather than provide a reduction in costs. I think there are several things that should be strongly considered by SCE&G prior to even proposing a rate hike. Among these is a freeze of SCANA/SCE&G executive salaries over $300,000 a year, a significant reduction on executive bonuses and a decrease in dividends paid to shareholders. It would be highly recommended to implement legislative oversight on utility rate increases and promote greater operating efficiency of monopolies such as SCE&G.

Sincerely,

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