Dear Ms. Baker,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments has been placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission’s Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Docket No. 2016-223-E - Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Updates and Revisions to Schedules Related to the Construction of a Nuclear Base Load Generation Facility at Jenkinsville, South Carolina.

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing about the proposed SCE&G rate increase. The PSC needs to consider the consumers they represent when deciding whether or not to let SCE&G have yet another rate increase. Consumers, like me, are continuing to pay in advance for projects at the VC Summer plant in Jenkinsville, SC. SCE&G is continuously behind in their timeframes for project completion and for each delay, consumers are burdened with the responsibility of the increased cost.
SC State Law allows utility companies to charge consumers for cost overruns for big projects, like a nuclear power plant. This project has cost $1.5 billion more than originally estimate and SC consumers are paying for this overrun. SCE&G must be held accountable for their cost overruns and miscalculations going forward. If SCE&G is responsible for the overruns, perhaps the project will be completed on a timely schedule and on budget.

As a SCE&G customer, I already pay more than 16% of my electric bill for the Jenkinsville project. If the new rate increase is approved, my monthly bill will increase and almost 19% of my bill will go toward the project. I disapprove of this new rate increase and want SCE&G to pay for its own projects in the future. I hope that PSC will not allow SCE&G to pass this new rate increase and will hold it responsible for its own cost overruns for the Jenkinsville project.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Baker