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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Dear Sirs:

Since I was unable to attend your public hearing concerning Duke Energy's rate increase request, I would like to express some thoughts on the matter:

(1) A substantial severance package enables Max Johnson, a former executive with Progress Energy to walk away "in style!"

(2) This has been repeated with Mr. Rogers.

(3) Time magazine reported in an April issue that Duke Energy had made a significant contribution to Obama's reelection campaign. (An amount I believe was at least 1 million; if not 10 million) Jim Rogers contributed $100,000 to the campaign and was subsequently invited to the White House. Who paid for the White House trip?

(4) Last week Duke Energy reported charging customers $326,000 in political contributions ----- an accounting error?

What kind of management of resources does Duke Energy have? It seems the company has incompetent and inefficient leadership. Can they be trusted with citizens dollars? Please deny any request while putting the company on a trial basis to prove better management of public monies.

Respectfully,

James D. Acker