Dear Sirs,

I received reference materials concerning another price increase for SCE&G, date of hearing is 6:00 P. M. on Monday, May 24, 2010 in Columbia, S. C.. This will not do., The economy is in the tank and many families are struggling just to make ends meet. The utilities here in the state think that we consumers should bail them out. The answer is NO........................................ until then, leave our pocket books alone. No one is bailing the residents of this great state out so make do with the Millions of dollars in revenue they currently take in. I do not own their stocks and they don't own any of mine, so lets keep it that way for simplicity sake. The decision was made to deregulate the utilities so they could learn to tighten their own belt and grow at there own expense. Let the people speak and be heard. Respectfully yours, Howard S. Lever