From: AARP South Carolina <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cristal Wirt
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 9:58 AM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: Docket Number 2016-223-E

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