Dear Ms. Fralix,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of 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, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf Of Cassandra Fralix

Dear Commissioner Elam,

Recently, The Lexington County Chronicle published a front page article that stated SCE&G's rate hike was approved by the Public Service Commission. You were listed as the official from Lexington and I understand you are responsible to voters. I live in Lexington and when I read that you had voted to approve this additional rate hike, I was very disturbed.

As a member of the PSC you have the responsibility to protect the environment and the consumers. Both are jeopardized by the building of these two nuclear plants. According to Physicians for Social Responsibility (http://www.psr.org/safe-energy/), nuclear energy relies on government subsidies and is economically unsound. This ninth request for a rate hike is a perfect example of how unsound the building of these plants are.

In addition, these nuclear plants have safety issues and can pose a threat to our well-being --remembering Fukushima. The new nuclear plants are located less than an hour's drive from Lexington, which certainly must be a concern to the citizens of this area.

Perhaps you did not realize that lawmakers voted to give SCE&G a blank check when they voted for the Base Load Review Act. But your responsibility is to the rate payers. It is deplorable to me that taxpayers are paying for the financing of the construction of these plants which have these huge cost overruns. Next, we will certainly then pay back the entire costs for them through more rate hikes. The company gets a free ride with no
financial risk. This raising of rates to enrich the company and its investors is not sustainable. It will eventually result in a financial crisis because of alternative energy costs rapid declining. Please protect our state from these runaway costs and the crisis it will create for its citizens.

It is time to stop this boondoggle and move our state to a 21st century energy delivery system. Dr. Catherine Thomasson wrote that Germany has moved to close eight nuclear reactors and by 2022 all nuclear power plants will be phased out.

Please stop these continuous rate hikes.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Fralix

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