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Public Service Commission
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Clerk's Office
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Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sir:

This letter is a protest to the above-referenced application by SCE&G to again raise their rates another 9.5 percent (approximately $11.69 monthly). This increase would be phased in over a year - 7/15/2010; 1/1/2011; and 7/1/2011.

Rate hikes already approved are now being phased in to raise $1 billion for two new nuclear reactors that will not even be active for several more years. These two annual rate increases will add another $51.69 more a month to our bills.

Every time SCE&G asks for a rate increase, they get an increase. This is over and beyond reality.

Where do they think all this additional money is going to come from?

I am a 65 year old widow, retired and living on a fixed income. Do they not realize (or not care) how so many of us are suffering and struggling to get by with this economy draining us every single day? Everything is going up, except our incomes. We already have the highest utility bills in the State of South Carolina.

SCE+G and SCANA need to step back, reassess their own, and cut back in their own facilities (starting at the top). They cannot keep squeezing the life out of us to compensate themselves, lining their own wealthy pockets.

SCANA's new $142 million elaborate headquarters facility built in Cayce is another example of their greed and waste. How much of that was paid for by us?

It has become beyond outrageous. Something has to change. Our pockets are almost empty.

Please, please deny the latest SCE+G proposed rate increase - Docket 2009-489-E. Stand up for us and let us know you are there to protect the consumers, not these greedy, out of touch with reality, heartless, powerful leaches, constantly wanting more and more for themselves.

I appreciate your valuable assistance in this urgent matter. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Gloria Mathias