STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Combined Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order for the Construction and Operation on a Nuclear Facility at Jenkinsville, South Carolina

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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August 12, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Charles Terreni
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RE: Combined Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order for the Construction and Operation of a Nuclear Facility in Jenkinsville, South Carolina;
Docket No. 2008-196-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") has received the joint request of the South Carolina Energy Users Committee ("SCEUC") and CMC Steel South Carolina ("CMC Steel") asking that the hearing schedule and deadlines for pre-filing testimony be altered and delayed in the above-captioned application. We note CMC Steel and SCEUC request that the hearing itself be continued and rescheduled to begin as late as January 12, 2009, when the Commission is faced with a statutory deadline of completing its work and issuing an order by February 28, 2009.

It is not the purpose of this letter to take a position on the joint request for a scheduling delay in the above-captioned docket; rather in this letter SCE&G recommends a process designed to consider any scheduling issues that any of the parties may have, including CMC Steel, SCEUC and other persons or entities that have yet to intervene.

As the Commission is aware, the last day for any person or entity to file a petition to intervene and seek to be made a party of record in this docket is August 20, 2008. Thus, all of the parties of record will not be known until on and perhaps shortly after that date. Consequently, SCE&G requests that the Commission consider the following process to ensure that the scheduling issues and concerns of all parties are fully addressed in a comprehensive manner and not piecemeal:

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1. Appoint a hearing officer to address with the parties scheduling and other pre-hearing issues, if any.

2. Establish a deadline of Tuesday, August 26, 2008, for all intervenors to state in writing their position on the current schedule established in this case and any proposals for alteration of the current schedule.

3. Have the hearing officer hold a status/scheduling conference in the Commission’s hearing room on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, for the purpose of discussing with the parties any scheduling issues and any proposals for alternative scheduling that may be made.

It is SCE&G’s belief that a schedule similar to the one outlined above would ensure that all parties have input into any discussion about altering the schedule established by the Commission’s Docketing Department on June 13, 2008, a schedule the existing parties of record have been working in good faith with which to comply.

If the Commission should decide not to appoint a hearing officer to hold a scheduling/status conference with the parties, SCE&G respectfully reserves the right to submit a more substantive response to CMC Steel’s and SCEUC’s request for a continuance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of SCE&G’s recommendations. If further information is desired, please advise.

Very truly yours,

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