March 26, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Clerk's Office
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: SCE&G: Application of Increase in rates and charges

To Whom It May Concern:

We are a solo physician and with decreasing healthcare revenues, we have not received a fee increase from Medicare or the private health insurance industry in seven years. We strongly oppose a rate increase in these economic down times. As it stands our average bill runs about $700.00 per month for a small practice and we cannot economize anymore than we already do. Most of our patients are elderly and need sufficient heat in the building in the winter and appropriate air conditioning in the summer. We already adjust our thermostats in the evening according to the season. We can do no more. Please vote NO on fee increases for electric and gas. We would like this letter to be read into the public record at the hearing. I will not be able to attend as I see patients until 5:30pm in Aiken, South Carolina.

Thank you, sincerely,

R. Lee Grantham, M.D.