Dear Mr. Donahue,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments has been placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission’s Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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.

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

Again, this year SCE&G is requesting another "rate hike" to be added to residential (customers) monthly charges. Over the years they have imposed a total of 16% tariff on top of the cost of procuring electric and gas services from this organization and yet they now want an additional 3% to make it a total of 19% over all.

This is the height of absurdity! Why must its patrons pay for "cost over-runs" totaling more than $1.5 BILLION - MORE than originally estimated? When I was attending an Engineering University many years ago, I vividly recall a "poster" on a Professor’s wall. Simply stated: DON’T START VAST PROJECTS WITH HALF VAST IDEAS! That sort of sums up my feelings towards SCE&G and its approach to building yet another Nuclear Power Plant; which from my personal standpoint, I may never realize any of its benefits if and when it is completed. The local media publishes the fact that SCE&G "investors" are making a decent profit as well as the President and CEO are earning a hefty salary. So why
doesn't SCE&G 'suck it up' and begin to absorb those cost overages they incur because of faulty data, instead of passing such on to customers? What transpired in 2015 when they released Chicago Bridge and Iron from their contract, replacing them with Westinghouse? Did CB&I pay a penalty to SCE&G? Did any of that revenue roll over into the project's cost? Will we ever know?

This is not fair business trade in good faith. If I personally invest in a company and it is prosperous then I benefit from its dividends. Then on the other hand if the company does lousy I might suffer from bankruptcy losses. Those are the risks. SORRY! PSE&G can not have it both ways. Those of us (and there are many) who are on a fixed income cannot afford the 16% increase in our utility bills since 2009. Being on Social Security with no COLA forthcoming from Uncle Sam does not endear SCE&G to me in this instance. Essentially we have no say in this "one-sided venture". I am rigidly opposed to any rate hike.

All I am asking is for some consideration in this matter. Please do not allow SCE&G another rate hike.

Thank you most sincerely,

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