Docket Number 2016-223-E (SCG&G RATE INCREASE RESPONSE)

The Public Service Commission needs to think about the consumers they represent when deciding whether or not to let SCE&G have yet another rate increase. Consumers are continuing to pay in advance for projects at the VC Summer plant in Jenkinsville, SC. They are continuously behind in their timeframes for project completion. For each delay the general consumers are hit with the responsibility of the cost without the right to a voice.

Our state law allows utility companies to charge consumers more for cost overruns for big projects like building a nuclear power plant. This project has cost $1.5 billion more than originally estimated and guess who is footing the bill? I and other South Carolina consumers are paying, and it does not appear SCE&G is being held accountable for the project delays. SCE&G must be held accountable for their miscalculations going forward into the future. Perhaps if they have to foot the bills, their projects might actually get completed.

This is not fair business trade in good faith. It places a huge burden on my personal finances. Why should I have to decide between paying my electric bill, buying groceries or medication or any of the other things I and my family need? Those of us on fixed income cannot afford the 16% increase in our utility bills since 2009. I personally have not felt the benefit of these continuous increases. Why don’t I get more input regarding projects that are deemed beneficial and necessary for generating and providing service that will affect my living conditions??

The PSC needs to get to the bottom of this and protect consumers from high utility costs. SCE&G’s residential customers already pay more than 16% of our electric bills for this project. And if this new rate increase is approved, we will pay almost 19% more. Will it ever end? Consumers are standing up to voice their concerns and disapproval of this projected rate increase. We want the SCE&G to support its own costs. If they do not contain these rate increases, the consumers will not be able to afford to use the services these increases are used to create...When will it end??

Sincerely,

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