Dear Halina Schafer,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be 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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August 25, 2016

Re: Docket #2016-223:E

To: Public Service Commission
    Office of Regulatory Staff

Dear Commissioners,

As a relatively new South Carolinian, having retired here in 2014, I have serious concerns regarding the continued cost overruns at the VC Summer plant in Jenkinsville that are the basis for the rate increase application, again, by SCE&G. I live in the North East section - Lake Carolina (zip 29229) and am an active AARP member. I am writing this letter in protest of any further rate increases to residential consumers.

Having been “Head of Household” in two previous states, NY originally followed by CT, I am more that aware of the impact of utilities on a household budget. Now that I am retired on a fixed income, I recognize that these repeated rate increases will be detrimental to the budgets of many seniors / retirees, as well as families struggling to make ends meet.

When I moved here, I was appalled to realize there are no alternative providers to supply competitive energy at reasonable rates here in Richland County. As an example of competitive pricing, I can tell you that, as of today, a Connecticut cooperative rate with Levco is $0.0658 / kilowatt hr. compared to the rate posted on my current bill with SCE&G of $0.133140. SCE&G is holding consumers hostage. This must not be allowed to continue. We can no longer supplement these wasteful business practices and reward the very poor oversight of the proposed projects. Consumers of SCE&G will suffer, while the CEOs, Bankers, Lobbyists and other upper echelon, who will retire with golden parachutes, will thrive.

Approval of this rate request means the Commissions (PSC and ORS) want the residential consumer to bear the financial burden of additional $852 of project costs, up to 19% of the monthly bill, for a nuclear power plant that is nowhere near completion. You MUST stop the request! I plan to attend the hearing on Oct.4, 2016 with the AARP.

Halina Schafer