South Carolina Public Service Co.,
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100SC 29210

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to a rate increase in order for SCE&G to build two reactors and request that this message be included in docket 2008-196-E.

The reactors could cost far beyond the $10 billion estimate of SCE&G and result in huge rate increases to rate payers. This amount of money could be better spent on conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. As the company has little interest in pursuing these alternatives, the PSC must rule that these cheaper and cleaner options must be pursued.

Alternative energy sources are booming in other parts of the country and we must be supportive of them in South Carolina. Approval of this project will help ensure that South Carolina falls further behind in pursuit of a new energy future and guarantee that cheapest options to fight climate change will be eliminated.

Please deny the SCE&G application and instruct the company to vigorously pursue alternatives.

Sincerely,

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