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**VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL**

Andrew M. Bateman, Esquire  
**South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff**  
1401 Main Street, Suite 900  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v.  
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent;  
Docket No. 2017-207-E

Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South  
Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code  
Ann. § 58-27-920;  
Docket No. 2017-305-E

Dear Andrew:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 2, 2018, informing South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") plans to employ a consultant with professional experience to satisfy the request made by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in its Order No. 2018-81. Additionally, ORS asks that SCE&G agree to pay its consultant's compensation and expenses, but in doing so, informs SCE&G that it has not yet determined the amount of anticipated cost.

SCE&G cannot agree to pay ORS's consultant an undefined sum of money; however, SCE&G agrees to pay ORS's consultant's compensation and expenses up to a combined maximum of \$50,000. In the event that ORS anticipates that such consultant's compensation and expenses are likely to exceed \$50,000 combined, then please contact us to discuss possible further arrangements.

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If ORS is in agreement with SCE&G's terms, then please sign below on behalf of ORS and return this letter to me.

Very truly yours,



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I agree:

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Andrew M. Bateman