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The Honorable Hugh Leatherman
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

The Honorable Jay Lucas
Speaker of the House of Representatives
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear President Pro Tempore Leatherman and Speaker Lucas:

I understand the General Assembly is considering reconvening in order to deal with the decision by SCE&G and Santee Cooper to cease construction of the nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station. I write to join the request of Senators Massey and Setzler that the General Assembly return as soon as possible as well as to inform you that we will be investigating this matter.

As you may be aware, the South Carolina Supreme Court stated that the Attorney General may “exercise all such power and authority as public interests may from time to time require, and may institute, conduct and maintain all such suits and proceedings as he deems necessary for the enforcement of the laws of the State, the preservation of order, and the protection of public rights.” Based upon those broad powers and the duty to protect the public interest, I respectfully request that the General Assembly return to take action to delay the pending rate increase request by SCE&G.

We would like the opportunity to investigate this issue in order to ensure that all laws were complied with and all applicable procedures were followed. Meanwhile, we trust that the Public Service Commission will delay any rate increase while our investigation is ongoing. The public needs to know any recourse the people have to protect those who were harmed by these actions.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson

Cc: The Honorable Swain Whitfield
Chairman, South Carolina Public Service Commission