

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Thomas M. Ragon, Jr., Appellant,

v.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina; Dominion
Energy South Carolina, Inc., Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001597

ORDER

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) has filed a "Petition for Substitution of Parties" in which it seeks the removal of its name as a party in the case caption in this matter because it was the decision-making authority, not a party. The motion is granted and the case caption is amended to the following:

IN RE: Request of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. to
Increase Its Rate Rider Related to Pension Costs from \$0.00019
to \$0.00049 Per Kilowatt-Hour (**This Filing Includes a
Request for an Increase to the Rider to Retail Rates - Pension
Cost Component**).

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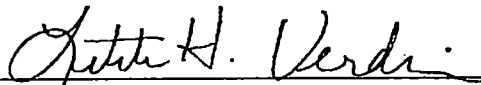
v.

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., Respondent.

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal filed by Thomas M. Ragon, Jr. (Ragon) because Ragon was not a party to the proceedings below, his motion for reconsideration could not stay the time for appeal, and his notice of appeal was untimely. Ragon has filed a motion for leave to file his return to the motion to dismiss out of time. Ragon's motion for leave to file a belated return is granted. *See* Rule 263(b), SCACR (stating an appellate court may extend the time for performing any act prescribed by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules except service of the notice of appeal). Dominion Energy's motion to dismiss the notice of appeal is granted. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-

2150 (2015) (providing a party to the proceedings before the PSC may seek rehearing); Rule 201(b), SCACR ("Only a party aggrieved by an order, judgment, sentence or decision may appeal."); Rule 203(a), SCACR ("A party intending to appeal must serve and file a notice of appeal and otherwise comply with these Rules."); Rule 203(b)(6), SCACR (providing a timely petition for rehearing stays the time for serving the notice of appeal).

Because the dismissal of this appeal is dispositive, Ragon's motion to proceed in forma pauperis is denied as moot.

	J.
D. Hamilton	J.
	J.

Kittredge, C.J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina
September 18, 2026

cc:

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