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The South Carolina Court of Appeals
The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: A.O. Smith Corporation v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental
Control and Town of McBee
Appellate Case No. 2016-002108

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 2018. I will be out of the country during the week of May 20th. Also, I would like the Court's indulgence as to another matter. I am regulatory counsel for SCE&G in the matters filed January 12, 2018 in Docket No. 2017-370-E before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina related to the merger with Dominion Energy, Inc. and the associated regulatory plan on which the merger is based. We have requested that the Commission schedule a hearing in mid-April. But, should the Commission schedule the hearing during the dates proposed for the argument of these appeals, I would ask to be allowed to request protection for that hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

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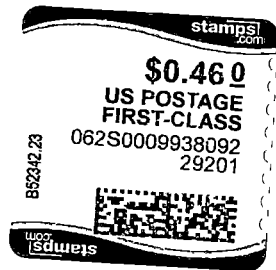
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