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September 29, 2017

The Honorable James H. Lucas South Carolina House of Representatives 506 Blatt Building Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Under S.C. Code Ann. §58-37-30 (A), the Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side activities and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, by electric utilities and gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. The State Energy Office is required to provide this same information for electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority under §58-37-30(B).

Since the passage of this legislation in 1992, this information has been included in a single report filed by the State Energy Office. Prior to the creation of the Office of Regulatory Staff in 2004, the Public Service Commission provided the information for jurisdictional electric and gas utilities to the State Energy Office for inclusion in the report filed by the State Energy Office.

With the creation of the Office of Regulatory Staff and the transfer of the State Energy Office to the Office of Regulatory Staff, all of the information regarding demand-side activities and purchased power by jurisdictional utilities which previously resided at the Public Service Commission is now filed with the Office of Regulatory Staff. This information is primarily contained in the utility Integrated Resource Plans; the utility Demand-Side Management filings; and the Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification Reports which are filed with both the Public Service Commission (documents are available on the Commission's Docket Management System) and the Office of Regulatory Staff. The Office of Regulatory Staff has the ability to talk with the utilities and gather more information, if necessary, which the Public Service Commission does not have.

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The State Energy Office gathers the information from the reports that are filed with both the Public Service Commission and with the Office of Regulatory Staff and from discussions with utilities. The State Energy Office continues to file a single report covering the demand-side activities and power purchases of the Public Service Commission's jurisdictional utilities, the electric cooperatives, municipally-owned utilities, and the Public Service Authority. The annual filing required by S.C. Code Ann. §58-37-30(A) is contained in a single report by the State Energy Office which has access to all the information and is the most efficient method of providing this information.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Kevin Lee Bryant President of the South Carolina Senate 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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