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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 670,
Creation Of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams:

The following comments are filed on behalf of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") for the above-captioned proceeding. SCE&G is a regulated public utility engaged in generation, transmission, distribution and the sale of electricity to nearly 571,000 retail and wholesale electric customers in South Carolina. SCE&G is a subsidiary of SCANA Corporation, an energy-based holding company. SCE&G has six coal-fired generation facilities which can generate approximately 2,500 megawatts of generation. Five of the coal-fired plants are solely served by CSX Transportation ("CSXT") and one of the coal fired-generation plants is served by Norfolk Southern Railway Company and CSXT. Having reliable rail service at reasonable costs is of utmost importance for SCE&G.

SCE&G supports the Surface Transportation Board's ("STB" or "Board") intention to create a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. Like other utilities, reliable rail service and reasonable rates are of utmost importance to SCE&G. SCE&G agrees that an advisory committee of relevant stakeholders would be an invaluable resource for providing independent, candid policy advice to the Board and foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among supplies, carriers and users of energy resources. Since coal currently provides approximately 50 percent of the fuel for the nation's electric generation and the majority of that coal is moved by rail, the reliability of the rail transportation of coal can have a direct impact on the reliability of the nation's energy supply, and in turn, impact the reliability of the interstate power grid which is critical to this nation's economic and national security.

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SCE&G supports the creation of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee and hopes that the Committee can be implemented with all due speed.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (202) 274-2959 or Sarena Burch, Senior Vice President Fuel Procurement and Asset Management, SCANA Corporation at (803) 217-9321. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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