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The Honorable Hugh Leatherman

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Dear Senator Leatherman:

The League of Women Voters of South Carolina asks for your support for a very important budget proviso, Amendment 18a to H.4950. This amendment establishes the Public Service Commission schedule for dealing with the dockets associated with V. C. Summer, especially the merger proposal filed by SCANA and Dominion (PSC Docket 2017-370-E).

An identical schedule is also provided in S.954, but that bill remains in conference committee without agreement between the houses. That is a source of concern.

The relationship of this measure to the Public Service Commission and Office of Regulatory Staff budgets is obvious. The budget makes reasonable provision for ruling on the docket within the specified schedule. The budget does not provide sufficient resources to rule on these complicated matters in the first weeks of the coming fiscal year.

We also believe that the schedule is appropriately included within H.4950 since it is a temporary provision in which all affected dates fall within the coming fiscal year.

We hope that you will support this important amendment to ensure that South Carolina's regulatory agencies have the time that they need to consider the complex issues before them.

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Sincerely yours,

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