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Mr. Scott Dadson
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Dear Scott:

As you know, yesterday the City's Ad Hoc Committee on Electric Utilities voted unanimously to recommend our report of June 4, 2007 to Beaufort City Council.

Based on statements attributed to Jerry Lindler of SCE&G in today's Beaufort Gazette, I am now recommending to our committee members that we withdraw that recommendation pending further clarification of SCE&G's position.

The newspaper described Mr. Lindler as asserting that in the future SCE&G will move the existing 115kv transmission lines to a new utility corridor "only if there is a compelling need related to service." They directly quote him as saying there must be "public need and necessity either from a load-growth or reliability standpoint."

Our position has been that SCE&G should agree to relocate the high voltage transmission lines to the new utility corridor, when the corridor is established, regardless of whether loads have increased or whether the existing lines are unreliable. I had thought that SCE&G was willing to agree to use its reasonable best efforts to do this.

Mr. Lindler of course has not been the SCE&G executive with whom we have been dealing on a day to day basis. However, he has been a participant in the process, and his views expressed in the paper have been the subject of pointed discussions in the last several weeks. Obviously his understanding of the resolution of that discussion differs from mine.

I intend to continue to work with SCE&G to resolve this important issue before the scheduled City Council meeting on June 19.

I have every confidence that our committee will accept my view that we should withdraw our recommendation. I'll work with Bill Harvey to determine how we can achieve this promptly in compliance with the open meeting law.

I believe that you should still publish our report on the City web site, but please publish this letter at the same time.

Sincerely,

David S. Lott
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee

June 5, 2007