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JAMES H. LUCAS  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

September 25, 2017

Chief Mark A. Keel  
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Dear Chief Keel:

Since the group's creation in mid-August, the House Utility Ratepayer Protection Committee has been aggressively examining the various failures that led to the collapse of the V.C. Summer nuclear project. While the committee continues to examine the possible statutory and regulatory failings that contributed to this economic disaster, we believe that it is necessary for SLED to examine the situation for potential criminality on the part of SCANA and its principal subsidiary, SCE&G.

During the course of SCANA's testimony before the committee and through the examination of thousands of pages of documents, it has become our belief that the proximate cause of the V.C. Summer collapse is a direct result of misrepresentation by SCANA and SCE&G. We also believe that criminal fraud through the concealment of material information is also a plausible cause for the project's disastrous collapse.

As the committee continues to work towards finding a responsible path forward that protects ratepayer from experiencing this fiasco again, we will continue to scrutinize Santee Cooper's role in this situation. However, we would like to make you aware that as of the writing of this letter, neither the committee nor the Speaker's office will have any further contact with officials from SCANA or SCE&G.

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We believe this issue to be of the utmost importance and on behalf of the entire House of Representatives we ask that you immediately begin your investigation into this matter. The Speaker's office and the House Utility Ratepayer Protection Committee stand ready to turn over to SLED any and all information we have gathered, including video of all hearings we have conducted, to assist SLED in any possible manner.

If, as we suspect, criminal activity exists at the root of the V.C. Summer disaster, it is imperative that it be discovered as quickly as possible and that those responsible are held accountable for their actions.

We thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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James H. Lucas  
Speaker of the House

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Peter M. McCoy, Jr.  
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Russell L. Ott  
Vice Chairman  
House Utility Ratepayer Protection Committee