



## **SCE&G to Decrease Natural Gas Rates**

October 1, 2014 – The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) today approved a request from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) to decrease overall retail natural gas base rates by 0.59 percent.

SCE&G filed in June for the decrease under terms of the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act, a South Carolina law designed to reduce significant fluctuations in customer rates by allowing for more efficient recovery of the costs that regulated utilities incur in expanding, improving and maintaining natural gas service infrastructure to meet the needs of customers.

The overall 0.59 percent decrease to natural gas rates breaks out as follows:

- 1.01 percent decrease for residential customers
- 0.56 percent decrease for small/medium commercial customers
- 0.34 percent decrease for large commercial/industrial customers.

The rate decrease will be implemented with the first billing cycle of November, and residential customers will pay approximately \$7 less per year for natural gas based on average annual usage.

SCANA Corporation, headquartered in Cayce, SC, is an energy-based holding company principally engaged, through subsidiaries, in electric and natural gas utility operations and other energy-related businesses. Information about SCANA is available on the Company's website at [www.scana.com](http://www.scana.com).

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