

From: Kelly Taylor
Sent: 12/9/2015 11:41:25 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
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Subject: Thank you for reading

Dear Governor Haley,

I was going to write this on Facebook, but I thought maybe a different approach would garner a response. I am a sixth grade teacher at Berkeley Middle School in Berkeley County. You see, my father has worked at Century Aluminum for the past 35 years. As you know, their jobs are on the line because of an electricity deal. From the research I have done, it seems like Santee Cooper doesn't want accept their deal because it would eventually force Santee Cooper to become competitive in the private sector. As of now they are building a nuclear plant to the tune of \$643 million dollars (and that is just the cost for next year and I am assuming they are selling bonds to raise that kind of money) and by the time it is up and running it will have cost the state \$11 billion dollars, and that is just Santee Cooper's 40% investment in the project. How can you allow that? That bill won't be paid for for years to come.

Certainly you know that Century wants to be able to continue working and producing quality aluminum as they have for the past 35 years. Santee Cooper says they are getting a fair market deal; however, how can they claim that when they have monopolized the power in the area. There is NO competition! In fact, Century has two smelters in Kentucky in which they pay half of what Santee Cooper would charge. Century uses a tremendous amount of electricity, which stays constant 24/7. They should get a special rate and not charged the same as other industrial customers who aren't electric-intensive. You have the power to force Santee Cooper to accept Century's deal and allow free market trade. Force Santee Cooper to become competitive.

It has been a claim of Santee Cooper that Century wants to be subsidized but that simply isn't true. If anything, Santee Cooper is receiving the subsidy in the form of the monopoly that exists. They can do as they please with no recourse.

In conclusion, Century and its family have approximately one billion dollars of economic impact. These people deserve to work and deserve to have their Governor work for them. I have always thought of you, Governor Haley, as a Governor for jobs and the ability for South Carolina to be a competitive state, not a Governor that allows companies to create monopolies and uses it only to their advantage. I am guessing that because Santee Cooper is a publicly-owned utility is the reason why you have been oddly absent during this entire ordeal. Please save the hard working South Carolinians' jobs so they can also say, "It is a GREAT day in South Carolina." Thank you for your response and your time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Taylor

Ps If at all possible, please respond without any of the clichéd “We have done all we can do.” I know there has to be a way that Santee Cooper can honor their request. This is going to directly affect my family and many others.