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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Notification of Hydro Units Retirement
Docket No. E-100, Sub 147**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

I write to notify the Commission and all parties that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”) plans to retire twelve small hydroelectric (“hydro”) peaking units near Great Falls, South Carolina, in connection with the 2017 Integrated Resource Plan Update:

Great Falls Units 3, 4, 7, and 8
Rocky Creek Units 1-8

These peaking units, which were built over 100 years ago and have a total generating capacity of 36 MW, have not been dispatched in several years. The more efficient units at the nearby Dearborn and Cedar Creek hydro facilities are always dispatched first, to make the best use of available water flows. The Great Falls and Rocky Creek units have served DEC customers well over their useful lives but, based upon condition and economic evaluations, the Company determined that these units will no longer provide economic and reliable commercial service to customers. Following the Catawba-Wateree relicensing order, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on June 15, 2017 approved DEC’s plan to decommission all twelve units by retirement in place. The Company has removed these assets from plant in service, and the units will be retired effective May 31, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Somers

cc: Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Notice of Hydro Units Retirement, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 147, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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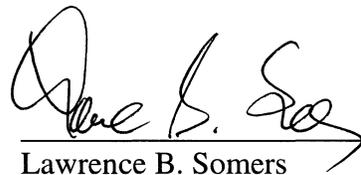
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