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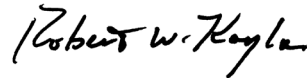
**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for
Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1246**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1246

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS,
for Approval of Renewable Energy and)	LLC’S AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S
Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)	JOINT MOTION FOR CERTAIN
(REPS) Compliance Report and Cost)	WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.)	FROM APPEARANCE AT
62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)	EVIDENTIARY HEARING

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing certain witnesses from testifying at the June 1, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this joint motion, DEC and the Public Staff show as follows:

1. On February 23, 2021, DEC pre-filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Megan W. Jennings and Veronica I. Williams in support of the Company’s application in this docket.
2. On May 5, 2021, DEC filed the supplemental testimony and revised exhibits of witnesses Jennings and Williams, updating information filed previously, correcting the number of renewable energy certificates (“RECs”) earned from net metering non time-of-use demand (“NMNTD”) customers, and proposing to remove RECs that DEC recorded from time-of-use net metered customers.

3. On May 10, 2021, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Jay B. Lucas and the affidavit of Charles A. Akpom recommending approval of the Company's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Compliance Report, the revised rates set forth in DEC's supplemental testimony, the correction of NMNTD RECs, and the proposal to remove RECs that DEC recorded from time-of-use net metered customers.

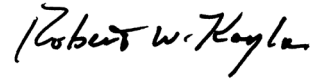
4. On May 11, 2021, the Commission issued an order granting waiver of the one-year limit on prior period adjustments contained in the NC-RETS Operating Procedures and required DEC to work with the NC-RETS Administrator to transfer NMNTD RECs as recommended by the Public Staff.

5. Counsel for DEC has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of Company witness Jennings and Public Staff witness Akpom and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record. Counsel for Carolina Utility Customer Association ("CUCA") has indicated that CUCA has cross-examination for Company witness Williams and Public Staff witness Lucas.

6. The Public Staff has authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on its behalf.

WHEREFORE, DEC and the Public Staff respectfully request that Company witness Jennings and Public Staff witness Akpom be excused from appearing at the June 1, 2021 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this the 24th day of May 2021.



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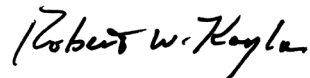
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1246, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the parties of record.

This is the 24th day of May, 2021.



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