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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing

Docket No. E-7, Sub 1281

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ladawn S. Toon

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1281

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Pursuant to G.S. 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71 Relating to CPRE Compliance Report and CPRE Cost Recovery Rider Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	 DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC AND THE PUBLIC STAFF'S JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES FROM APPEARANCE AT HEARING
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NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or "Company") and Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order excusing witnesses from testifying at the May 30, 2023 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, DEC and the Public Staff show the following:

- 1. On February 28, 2023, DEC pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Christy J. Walker and Angela M. Tabor along with the 2022 CPRE Compliance Report in this docket.
- 2. On March 16, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing*, *Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice*, setting the date and time for an Evidentiary Hearing in this docket to begin on May 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

- 3. On May 3, 2023, DEC filed the Supplemental Testimony, Exhibits, and Supporting Workpapers of witness Clark and Tabor.
- 4. On May 9, 2023, the Public Staff filed Testimony and Exhibits of Jeff Thomas and Darrus K. Cofield.
- On May 18, 2023, DEC filed Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Angela
 M. Tabor and Matthew Holstein.
- 6. On May 23, 2023, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Substitution of Witness and Adoption of Testimony and the testimony of James S. McLawhorn.
- 7. Counsel for DEC and the Public Staff have consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of the Company witness Walker and the Public Staff witness Cofield and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

Accordingly, DEC and the Public Staff request that Christy J. Walker and Darrus K. Cofield be excused from appearing at the May 30, 2023 hearing in this docket and that the testimony and exhibits of the respective witnesses be received into the record.

Respectfully submitted this the 24th day of May, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1281, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 24th day of May, 2023.

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