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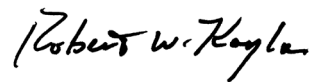
**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to
Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1264**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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 1264

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 AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S
Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)	JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE
(REPS) Compliance Report and Cost)	WITNESSES FROM
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.)	APPEARANCE AT HEARING
62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)	

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the June 7, 2022 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, DEC and the Public Staff show the following:

1. On February 21, 2022, DEC filed a motion to request a delay in retiring renewable energy certificates for its 2021 compliance with the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (“REPS”) and also request an extension of time to file its REPS Compliance Report, pending issuance of the Commission’s order modifying the swine and poultry waste set-aside requirements in Docket No. E-100, Sub 113. On February 22, 2022, the Commission granted DEC’s request.

2. On March 1, 2022, DEC pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Kimberly A. Presson and Veronica I. Williams in this docket, with a placeholder for the REPS Compliance Report.

3. On March 4, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Modifying the Swine and Poultry Waste Set-aside Requirements and Providing Other Relief* (the “Delay Order”) in Docket No. E-100, Sub 113.

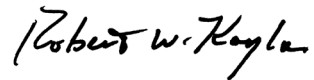
4. On March 18, 2022, DEC filed the Supplemental Testimony of witness Presson describing how the Delay Order affected REPS requirements for DEC’s retail and wholesale customers and filing the REPS Compliance Report.

5. On May 17, 2022, the Public Staff filed the affidavits of Charles A. Akpom and Scott J. Saillor recommending approval of the REPS Compliance Report and the Company’s proposed rates and riders.

6. 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’s and Public Staff’s witnesses and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

Accordingly, DEC and the Public Staff request that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the June 7, 2022 hearing in this docket and that the testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into the record.

Respectfully submitted, this the 26th day of May, 2022.



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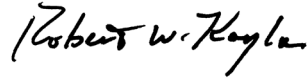
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1264, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, 1st Class Postage Prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 26th day of May, 2022.



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