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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
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**RE: Joint Motion for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Evidentiary
Hearing
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1265**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the North Carolina Justice Center, and the North Carolina Housing Coalition for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kendrick C. Fentress". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kendrick C. Fentress

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1265

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	JOINT MOTION FOR CERTAIN WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARANCE AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING
for Approval of Demand-Side Management)	
and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider)	
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.9 and)	
Commission Rule R8-69)	

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”), the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”), the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”), the North Carolina Justice Center (“NCJC”), and the North Carolina Housing Coalition (“NCHC”) (collectively, the “Movants”) and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing the appearance of certain witnesses at the June 7, 2022 Evidentiary Hearing and allowing the introduction of the prefiled testimony and exhibits of the excused witnesses into the record in this matter. In support of this joint motion, the Movants show as follows:

1. On December 17, 2021, the Commission issued an order requiring that DEC file with its 2022 demand-side management and energy efficiency rider application the responses to questions contained in the December 17, 2021 order.
2. On March 1, 2022, DEC filed direct testimony and exhibits of Shannon R. Listebarger and Robert P. Evans in support of the Company’s application in this docket.
3. On March 14, 2022, the Commission issued an order scheduling the matter for hearing on June 7, 2022 and requiring the filing of testimony.

4. On May 16, 2022, DEC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits of witness Listebarger. Certain exhibits which had been attached in error were subsequently withdrawn on May 19, 2022.

5. On May 17, 2022, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of Shawn C. Dorgan and David M. Williamson, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, North Carolina Justice Center and North Carolina Housing Coalition jointly filed the testimony and exhibits of Forest Bradley-Wright.

6. On May 26, 2022, DEC filed the rebuttal testimony of Jean P. Williams and Lynda S. Powers, stating that witness Williams intended to adopt the testimony and exhibits of witness Evans.

7. On May 31, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Requiring Additional Testimony of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC* (“Order on Additional Testimony”).

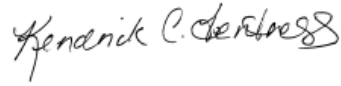
8. On June 1, 2022, DEC filed a letter advising that Karen K. Holbrook intended to adopt the direct testimony of witness Evans and requesting that witnesses Holbrook, Powers and Williams be allowed to appear as a panel to respond to the Commission’s questions in the Order on Additional Testimony.

9. On behalf of the Movants, counsel for DEC has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, including the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association; all parties agree to waive cross-examination of witnesses Listebarger, Williamson, Dorgan, and Bradley-Wright, and offer no objection to the introduction of the testimony and exhibits of those excused witnesses into the record. DEC witnesses Powers, Williams, and Holbrook would appear as a panel at the evidentiary hearing to

present their direct and rebuttal testimonies and exhibits, as applicable, and to respond to the Commission's questions, however.

WHEREFORE, DEC, the Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC respectfully request that witnesses Listebarger, Williamson, Dorgan, and Bradley-Wright be excused from appearing at the June 7, 2022 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of those witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter. The Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC have authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of June, 2022.



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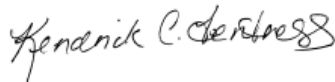
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the Public Staff, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the North Carolina Justice Center, and the North Carolina Housing Coalition for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1265, 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, the 2nd day of June, 2022.



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