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In this case we are enthusiastic and see leadership and innovation continuing to emerge in alignment through the Duke Energy's Western Carolinas Modernization Project. We see this particular microgrid project to be consistent with our hopes for a clean energy future that will support economic, ecological and social vibrancy today and in the future. However, as people of faith we see this work as not only including economics, ecology and society. We also see this microgrid project as a move toward a healthier moral and ethical future.

Thank you for considering an approval of Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185.

Sincerely,

Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri  
Director, Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina

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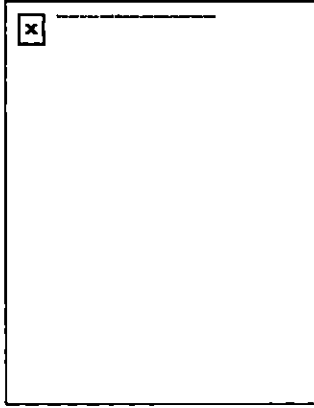
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