

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC STAFF UTILITIES COMMISSION

May 26, 2021

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4326 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

RE: Docket No. E-7, Sub 1249 - Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 2021

DSM/EE Rider

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and the Public Staff, I write to notify the Commission that DEC and the Public Staff have reached an agreement regard the Find It Duke Program. Through the direct testimony of Public Staff witnesses David M. Williamson and Michael C. Maness filed on May 10, 2021, the Public Staff recommended that DEC refine the accounting for the referral channel associated with the Find It Duke Program, but did not propose any adjustment to any costs associated with the program sought to be recovered by DEC. In his rebuttal testimony filed on May 20, 2021, DEC witness Robert P. Evans opposed the Public Staff's recommendation. The Public Staff and DEC have agreed to work to resolve these issues in the coming months and report on these efforts in their testimony filed in the 2022 DSM/EE Rider proceeding. Thus, for purposes of this 2021 DSM/EE Rider proceeding (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1249), the Public Staff and DEC have agreed that DEC should not be required to make any changes to its accounting related to Find it Duke costs or revenues at this time. As such, DEC and the Public Staff have agreed to waive cross examination of each other's witnesses and, with the consent of the other parties to this proceeding, will be filing separately a motion to excuse all of their witnesses in this proceeding.

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By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record.

Sincerely yours,

<u>Electronically submitted</u>
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