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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: Notice of Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings on the First Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan Docket No. E-100, Sub 179

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies") hereby provide notice to the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") and interested stakeholders regarding the Companies' plans for upcoming stakeholder meetings to engage with interested stakeholders in advance of filing the first biennial consolidated Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plans ("CPIRP") with the Commission on September 1, 2023 and filing the Companies' 2023 system-wide Carolinas Integrated Resource Plans ("SC IRPs" and together with the CPIRP, the "Carolinas Resource Plans") with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on August 15, 2023.

The first stakeholder meeting will be held virtually on February 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Given the system-wide planning focus of the Carolinas Resource Plans, stakeholders from both North Carolina and South Carolina will be invited to participate in the stakeholder meeting. The Companies are also planning to hold additional technical meetings over the next several months to discuss technical resource planning assumptions of interest to stakeholders, with the precise topics to be developed based on prior directives from the Commission and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina as well as feedback received from stakeholders in the February 22 meeting. Details regarding the dates and topics for future meetings will be provided closer to the actual meeting dates.

To facilitate the stakeholder meetings, the Companies have engaged a third-party facilitator, Great Plains Institute ("GPI"). Doug Scott, Vice President of Energy Systems,

and Trevor Drake, Senior Program Manager, will be the lead facilitators for GPI. Collectively, Mr. Scott and Mr. Drake have run a variety of stakeholder engagement processes, including the stakeholder engagement process for the initial 2022 Carbon Plan, to inform the development of utility proposals, regulatory proceedings, and state plans related to carbon dioxide emissions reductions.

The Companies and GPI look forward to engaging with interested stakeholders on the Companies' system-wide resource planning process as the Companies develop the Carolinas Resource Plans. As highlighted in the attached meeting invitation, the Companies are asking technical representatives to pre-register with the Companies to enable more focused discussion and engagement on the technical topics presented during the meeting. The meetings will also be open to all interested stakeholders who are not designated technical representatives but who may wish to join as "observers" and may submit questions to the Companies through the Q&A feature.

Interested stakeholders may contact GPI at DukeCarolinas@gpisd.net to receive future communications about the upcoming stakeholder process.

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

Sincerely,

Jack E. Jirak

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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## Duke Energy's 2023 Carolinas IRP and Carbon Plan Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9:00am-12:30pm EST



Please join us for the first in a series of stakeholder meetings that will inform the development of Duke Energy's 2023 Carolinas Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") and Carbon Plan. Please register at the link below to receive meeting access information.

Click here to register!

<u>Background:</u> Duke Energy will file its IRP with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on August 15, 2023 and its updated Carbon Plan/IRP with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on September 1, 2023.

Duke Energy has retained the Great Plains Institute to help convene a series of technical meetings to inform the development of the IRP and updated Carbon Plan.

<u>Meeting Details:</u> In the first meeting, we will discuss the upcoming stakeholder process, provide an overview of the IRP/Carbon Plan process and modeling. We will then confer with designated Technical Representatives on the development of the load forecasts (the expected total energy and peak demand needs of customers), upon which the IRP and Carbon Plan are based, and on assumptions related to grid edge resources and customer programs.

To solicit stakeholder feedback while keeping discussions manageable, these meetings will include **participant** and **observer** roles. Participants in these meetings will be limited to stakeholders with technical expertise who have been identified in advance as "Technical Representatives" for the respective topic. Any stakeholder may register to attend the meeting as an "Observer" (observers may submit questions through the Q&A feature). We will seek to select a limited number of Technical Representatives representing a mix of perspectives. **Technical Representatives will be solicited separately for each topic.** 

This meeting will be held virtually over Zoom. Please click the link below to register, after which you will receive a confirmation email with meeting access information.

Register here

How do I request to be designated as a Technical Representative for the February 22

Meeting? In the meeting registration form, you may request to be designated a Technical

Representative. Anyone requesting to be designated a Technical Representative must register no later than Tuesday, February 14 at 5pm EST.

Who is qualified to be a Technical Representative for the February 22 Meeting? Technical Representatives should be qualified to provide expert testimony before a regulatory commission or similar tribunal in this subject matter (utility load forecasting, EE/DSM forecasting, forecasting aggregate load impacts of behind-the-meter resources, forecasting aggregate load impacts of changes to rate design) by virtue of extensive direct experience in the respective field. Technical Representatives will be solicited separately for each meeting, based on the subject matter.

How do I know if I have been designated a Technical Representative for the February 22 Meeting? We will notify all registered stakeholders of the designated Technical Representatives for the February 22 Meeting by Friday, February 17.

If you have any questions about this meeting, or the overall stakeholder process, please send an email to **DukeCarolinas@gpisd.net**.



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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Notice of Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings on the First Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to parties of record.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.

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