BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1282

In the Matter of:)
Application of Duke Energy) PETITION TO INTERVENE
Carolinas, LLC Pursuant to)
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding)
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost)
Adjustments for Electric Utilities	

PURSUANT TO North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "NCUC") Rule R1-19, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE"), through counsel, files this petition to intervene in the above-captioned docket, and provides the following information in support of its petition:

- 1. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 authorizes the Commission to review and approve changes in fuel and fuel-related costs for each electric public utility. On March 1, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55, filed with the Commission a corrected application for approval to adjust the fuel and fuel-related component of its electric rates.
- 2. SACE is a regional nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote responsible energy choices that address global climate change and ensure clean, safe, and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. SACE has its principal office in Tennessee, with a mailing address of Post Office Box 1842, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37901. SACE also has offices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The electronic mailing address of SACE for purposes of this proceeding is maggie@cleanenergy.org.

- 3. SACE has intervened previously in at least thirty dockets before the Commission, including DEC's general rate cases in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1276; E-7, Sub 1146; and E-7, Sub 1214. Furthermore, SACE frequently intervenes in DEC's annual demand-side management and energy efficiency ("DSM/EE") rider proceedings, including in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 979; E-7, Sub 1001; E-7, Sub 1031; E-7, Sub 1050; E-7, Sub 1073; E-7, Sub 1105; E-7, Sub 1130; E-7, Sub 1164; E-7, Sub 1192; E-7, Sub 1230; E-7, Sub 1249; and E-7, Sub 1265.
- 4. SACE has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and NCUC Rule R8-55, in this annual fuel charge adjustment proceeding, the Commission examines DEC's fuel procurement practices and costs, and sets a rider to allow the utility to recover its fuel and fuel-related costs from its customers. SACE has members who are customers of DEC and will therefore be subject to these cost impacts, along with other direct impacts that would flow from DEC's fuel charge adjustment application if it were approved. SACE seeks to intervene and participate in this proceeding to ensure that its members' interests in advancing energy affordability and promoting a just transition to clean, fuel-free energy resources are represented.
- 5. The attorneys for SACE to whom all correspondence and filings in this docket should be addressed are:

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WHEREFORE, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy requests that it be allowed to intervene and participate in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of April, 2023.

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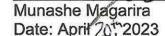
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VERIFICATION

I, Munashe Magarira, verify that the contents of the foregoing Petition to Intervene are true to the best of my knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. I am authorized to sign this verification on behalf of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.



Durham County, North Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Munashe Magarira

This the 20 day of April, 2023.

Signature

Kathleen Lockwood, Notary Public My commission expires: 8/17/2024

KATHLEEN LOCKWOOD

NOTARY PUBLIC
ORANGE COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that all parties of record have been served with the foregoing Petition to Intervene either by electronic mail or by deposit in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

This the 20th day of April, 2023.

<u>/s Munashe Magarira</u> Munashe Magarira