

April 17, 2023

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Re: Dockets No. E-2 Sub 1197 & E-7 Sub 1195 – Support for Duke Energy’s EVSE Program

This letter is to express support for Duke Energy’s proposed Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Program currently under review by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC).

As businesses operating in North Carolina and across the nation that employ and serve thousands of North Carolinians every day, we are focused on reducing carbon emissions as quickly and as prudently as possible. With North Carolina’s recent policy successes designed to reduce carbon emissions for the power sector, we believe that policy makers now have an opportune moment to effectuate meaningfully carbon emissions reductions in North Carolina’s largest emitting segment of its economy, the transportation sector. As such, we believe that the thoughtful development and promotion of zero emitting transportation technologies and supporting infrastructure should be a public policy priority to nurture and promote North Carolina’s transition to a robust and prosperous clean energy future.

Further, we believe that Duke Energy’s proposed EVSE program will directly benefit Carolina businesses and other customers by providing a voluntary option that reduces the complexity and responsibility of purchasing, maintaining, and servicing EV charging equipment. The proposed EVSE program will assist in bringing needed solutions and choices to the business community without causing cross subsidies between customer rate classes.

In conclusion, Duke Energy’s EVSE program provides the attributes that business customers would value. Respectfully we encourage you to approve Duke Energy’s proposal.

Sincerely,

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- Jeffrey M. Bowen, Director, Energy, Dillard's, Inc.
- Chris Thurston, Director of Energy & Sustainability, Lineage Logistics
- Paige Miller, Director, Facilities, Energy & Waste, Ross Stores, Inc.
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