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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Martha Lynn Jarvis Chief Clerk N.C. Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street – Dobbs Building Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Docket No. E-34, Sub 46

In The Matter of Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Please be advised that Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company ("NRLP") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (the "Public Staff", and, together with NRLP, the "Parties"), are engaged in ongoing settlement negotiations which the Parties anticipate will result in a comprehensive settlement of all issues presented in the captioned Docket. As part of such comprehensive settlement, the Parties will agree to waive cross examination of all witnesses. Accordingly, the Parties intend to defer filing the list of witnesses to be called at the hearing, as required by the Order of the North Carolina Utilities Commission dated August 28, 2017, pending finalization of the Parties' negotiations. In the event a comprehensive settlement is not reached, the Parties will immediately file the aforementioned list of witnesses.

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Please direct any questions in connection with the foregoing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

s/ Michael S. Colo

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing by electronic delivery to the following persons at the following addresses which are the last addresses known to me:

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This the 5th day of January, 2018.

s/ Michael S. Colo Michael S. Colo