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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
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**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to  
Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing  
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1285**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendrick C. Fentress".

Kendrick C. Fentress

Enclosure

c: Parties of Record

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1285

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of:                         | ) |                                   |
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| Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC | ) | <b>DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS,</b>     |
| for Approval of Demand-Side Management    | ) | <b>LLC AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S</b> |
| and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider | ) | <b>JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE</b>     |
| Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.9 and  | ) | <b>WITNESSES FROM</b>             |
| Commission Rule R8-69                     | ) | <b>APPEARANCE AT HEARING</b>      |
|   | ) |                                   |

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the May 30, 2023 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, DEC and the Public Staff show the following:

1. On February 28, 2023, DEC pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Casey Q. Fields and Shannon L. Listebarger in support of the Application for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM/EE) Cost Recovery Rider in this docket.

2. On March 7, 2023, DEC filed a Correction to Fields Exhibits D-J, due to technical difficulties in transmitting the exhibits.

3. On March 16, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice*, setting the date and time for an Evidentiary Hearing in this docket to begin on

May 30, 2023, at the conclusion of the hearings scheduled in Docket No. E-7, Subs 1281, 1282, and 1283.

4. On April 28, 2023, DEC filed the supplemental testimony and exhibits of Carolyn T. Miller and witness Fields.


5. On May 9, 2023, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of David M. Williamson and Hemanth Meda.

6. Counsel for DEC and the Public Staff have consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and no party objected to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record and no party indicated that they had any cross-examination of the Company's or the Public Staff's witnesses.

7. Counsel for DEC notes that in the Commission's December 12, 2022 *Order Approving DSM/EE Rider and Requiring Filing of Customer Notice*, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1265 ("2022 DSM/EE Order"), the Commission directed DEC to conduct a persistence study of the energy savings associated with the My Home Energy Report, or MyHER. The Commission's order directed the Company to commence that study prior to the beginning of this docket and to the extent the study effort spans more than one year, the Company was directed to provide updates to the Commission in its annual DSM/EE filings until the study is complete. 2022 DSM/EE Order at 32. As noted in the pre-filed testimony of witness Fields, the multi-year study to be performed by an independent third-party evaluator has commenced.

8. Accordingly, DEC and the Public Staff request that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the May 30, 2023 hearing in this docket and that the testimony and exhibits of the respective witnesses be received into the record.

Respectfully submitted this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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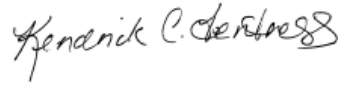
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1285, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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