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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: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
Compliance with Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing
Direction for Future Planning and Notification of Stakeholder
Engagement Meeting
Docket No. E-100, Sub 179**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

This letter is intended to notify the Commission that, consistent with Ordering Paragraph No. 32 of the Commission's December 30, 2022 *Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning*, issued in the above-captioned docket ("Carbon Plan Order"), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the "Companies") intend to initiate engagement with stakeholders to develop guidelines for expedited regulatory approval of customer programs and pilots for non-demand-side management / energy efficiency programs that enable load reduction or load management. Specifically, in the Carbon Plan Order, the Commission stated that it was persuaded that "adoption of new flexibility and rapid prototyping guidelines to ensure regulatory approval of new customers programs, pilots, and rate designs in a timely manner would be appropriate at this time" to allow the Companies "to innovate, shrink the challenge, and timely implement the Carbon Plan." Carbon Plan Order at 110. To that end, the Commission directed the Companies to engage with stakeholders to develop such guidelines and to "file a formal proposal" for approval of them with the Commission. *Id.* at 110, 134.

The Companies intend to hold the first stakeholder meeting for this purpose from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 24, 2023 at the Companies' North Carolina Regional

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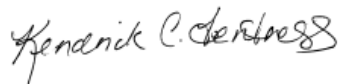
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Headquarters, 410 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC, 27601. Stakeholders interested in attending should email Peggy.Holton@Duke-Energy.com to register. At that time, please specify whether or not you will attend in person or virtually. The Companies plan to have speakers provide an overview of expedited implementation processes utilized in other states. The Companies also believe it is necessary to hear directly from stakeholders to garner their input on the development of these guidelines. A more formal agenda will be sent to stakeholders in advance of the meeting.

The Companies are serving this letter on the parties to this docket and will be sending it to the stakeholders in the Comprehensive Rate Review (“CRR”), the Low-Income Affordability Collaborative (“LIAC”) and the Electric Transportation Stakeholder Group (“ETSG”).

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

Sincerely,

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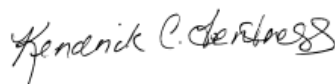
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c: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Compliance with Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning and Notification of Stakeholder Engagement Meeting, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179, has been served on all parties of record and stakeholders in CCR and ETSG, either by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

This the 30th day of January, 2023.



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