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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 the Public Staff's Withdrawal of
Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1285**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On May 25, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") filed a Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing ("Joint Motion") in the above-captioned matter. After the motion was filed, DEC and the Public Staff determined that the circumstances supporting the filing of the Joint Motion had changed. Therefore, by this letter, DEC, with the authorization of Public Staff's counsel, respectfully requests that the Joint Motion be withdrawn. At this time, DEC believes that any preliminary or procedural motions, including motions for the excusal of witnesses, may be more appropriately made at the outset of the hearing in this matter, currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Kendrick C. Fentress

c: Parties of Record

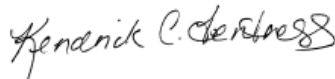
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's Withdrawal of Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from 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 to the parties of record.

This, the 26th day of May 2023.



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