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Sam Watson, General Counsel
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Letter regarding Conflict of Interest
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1162**

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter is in response to the notification in your letter of July 20, 2018 that Chairman Finley was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council to the EPRI Board of Directors in February 2015. You have asked the parties to verify in writing that they received notice of this potential conflict and agree that it is not substantial or material. Please accept this letter as Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's confirmation that the conflict is not substantial or material, and that the Company does not object to Chairman Finley's participation in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

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

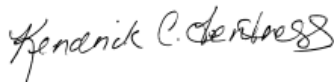
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cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Letter regarding Conflict of Interest, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1162, has been served on all parties of record either by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing said copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

This the 25th day of July, 2018.



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