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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Request for Extension of Dynamic Pricing Pilots
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Pursuant to the Commission's July 2, 2019 *Order Approving Pilots*, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the "Company") implemented nine dynamic pricing pilots (the "Pilots") on October 1, 2019 in connection with the referenced matter. The Company filed a revised Work Plan to Support Dynamic Price Rate Designs ("Revised Rate Design Plan") on April 1, 2019, and the Commission approved the revised Work Plan in its July 29, 2019 *Order Accepting Revised Rate Design Plan*. The Pilots were approved for a one-year period and required a one-year commitment from participating customers, which period will end on September 30, 2020. As explained further below, the Company hereby requests Commission approval to extend the availability of the Pilots until July 1, 2021.

The Company has experienced good participation by customers in the Pilots with most participants reporting they are satisfied or very satisfied with the Pilots. Additionally, a majority of participants saved on their bills based upon a mid-pilot structural comparison of the Pilots and the participants' previous rates.

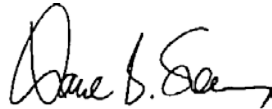
The Company has engaged a third party to evaluate the Pilots and, in accordance with the Revised Rate Design Plan, intends to launch final designs by July 1, 2021, subject to Commission approval. Between October 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, the Company proposes that customers in the Pilots be allowed to continue participating. If the Commission approves this proposal, the Company will send participating customers another structural bill comparison in fourth quarter 2020 showing how they did and

extending the Pilots until July 1, 2021. Customers who do not wish to continue in the Pilots will have the option to unenroll.

The Company has discussed this extension request with the Public Staff and understands that the Public Staff supports the requested extension of the Pilots.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence B. Somers

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Request to Extend Dynamic Pricing Pilots, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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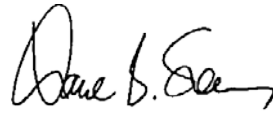
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