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Kim Campbell
Chief Clerk
NC Public Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Dear Ms. Campbell,

Re: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Proposed 5 MW Solar Facility in Buncombe County

Buncombe County wholeheartedly supports Duke Energy's proposal to build the Woodfin Solar Facility on the county's retired landfill. This project highlights innovative land use and the critical importance of public-private partnerships to address climate change.

In 2017, the Buncombe County Commission passed a resolution to use 100% renewable energy by 2030 and this commitment is deeply supported across the community. As we take steps toward this ambitious goal, we know our success depends on a constructive partnerships with Duke Energy to install the Woodfin Solar project.

In addition, this work supports Governor Cooper's Executive Order 80 to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions at least 40% below 2005 levels by 2025.

Given our mountain geography and ever-increasing cost of land, it is critical to incorporate creative land use solutions in our transition to renewable energy. This project represents the best option for Buncombe County to meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We not only urge you to approve this project, but ask that you encourage Duke Energy to look deeper for other ways to partner with the Buncombe County for more solar development in our community.

Sincerely,

Brownie Newman
Chairman of the Board
Buncombe County Commission

