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Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Direct Testimony
Docket No. SP-13695, Sub 1**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Direct Testimony of Phillip H. Cathcart and Orvane Piper in the above proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Jirak", written in a cursive style.

Jack E. Jirak

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-13695, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Petition for Relief of Orion)
Renewable Resources LLC)
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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
PHILLIP H. CATHCART AND
ORVANE PIPER**

1 **Q. MR. CATHCART, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS**
2 **ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is Phillip H. Cathcart, and my business address is 410 South
4 Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

5 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION WITH DUKE ENERGY AND**
6 **DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

7 A. I am the Renewable Compliance Manager for Duke Energy within the
8 Business Development & Compliance Department. In my current position,
9 I am responsible for the development and implementation of the
10 competitive procurement of renewable energy (“CPRE”) program
11 established by Session Law 2017-192’s enactment of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-
12 110.8 and applicable to both Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the
13 “Company”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”). My
14 responsibilities include compliance with CPRE program requirements, as
15 well as interface with the North Carolina Utilities Commission
16 (“Commission”) approved CPRE Program independent administrator,
17 Accion Group, LLC (“Accion Group”, “Independent Administrator”, or
18 “IA”), on behalf of DEC and DEP.

19 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL**
20 **BACKGROUND.**

21 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of
22 North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND**
2 **EXPERIENCE.**

3 A. I managed a small business from 2003 until 2008. Between 2009 and 2012,
4 I held positions at Alabama Power as a Technical Analyst and Commercial
5 Account Manager. I joined Duke Energy in 2015 as a Renewable Account
6 Manager in the Distributed Energy Technology Department. In June of
7 2019, I moved to my current position as Renewable Compliance Manager
8 in the Business Development & Compliance Department.

9 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE NORTH**
10 **CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION?**

11 A. Yes, I previously submitted pre-filed direct testimony in CPRE rider
12 proceedings.

13 **Q. MR. PIPER, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS**
14 **ADDRESS.**

15 A. My name is Orvane H. Piper, and my business address is 526 South Church
16 Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

17 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION WITH DUKE ENERGY AND**
18 **DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

19 A. I am a Senior Engineer in Transmission Planning for Duke Energy
20 Carolinas. One of my primary responsibilities is coordinating generating
21 interconnection studies, including the evaluations that were performed in
22 association with CPRE.

1 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL**
2 **BACKGROUND.**

3 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from
4 Clemson University and a Master of Business Administration degree from
5 Fayetteville State University.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND**
7 **EXPERIENCE.**

8 A. I joined Duke Energy in 2010, and the entirety of my career has been in
9 Transmission Planning. Additionally, I am a registered Professional
10 Engineer in the state of North Carolina.

11 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE NORTH**
12 **CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION?**

13 A. Yes, I previously testified in this proceeding.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

15 A. The purpose of our testimony is to affirm the accuracy of the Late-Filed
16 Exhibit that DEC filed in this docket on November 25, 2020 in response to
17 questions from Commissioners at the November 2, 2020 hearing in this
18 proceeding.

19 **Q. WHY WAS THE LATE-FILED EXHIBIT FILED?**

20 A. The Late-Filed Exhibit was submitted at the direction and request of the
21 Commission during the November 2, 2020 hearing. During the hearing, the
22 Commission panel questioned IA and DEC witnesses regarding
23 consideration of Orion's CPRE bid, two other potentially similarly situated

1 bids, and the broader practical implications of the relief requested by Orion.
2 As a result of those issues, the Commission directed DEC to work with the
3 IA to produce a Late-Filed Exhibit to address other proposals that could be
4 potentially impacted by the Commission's decision in this proceeding. The
5 Commission granted DEC and Accion broad latitude to develop a late-filed
6 exhibit to best address the issues raised in the proceeding and the potential
7 impacts of a decision.

8 **Q. WAS THE LATE-FILED EXHIBIT RESPONSIVE TO THE**
9 **COMMISSION'S REQUEST?**

10 A. Yes.

11 **Q. DID YOU BOTH ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF THE LATE-**
12 **FILED EXHIBIT?**

13 A. Yes.

14 **Q. MR. CATHCART, IS THE LATE-FILED EXHIBIT TRUE AND**
15 **CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE,**
16 **INFORMATION AND BELIEF?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. MR. PIPER, IS THE LATE-FILED EXHIBIT TRUE AND**
19 **CORRECT TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE,**
20 **INFORMATION AND BELIEF?**

21 A. Yes.

22 **Q. ARE THERE ANY CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO THE**
23 **LATE-FILED EXHIBIT?**

1 A. No.

2 **Q. IN PREPARING THE LATE-FILED EXHIBIT, DID YOU BOTH**
3 **WORK WITH THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR (“IA”)?**

4 A. Yes.

5 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

6 A. Commission Rule R8-71 establishes the CPRE evaluation process and
7 delineates certain responsibilities to the IA and certain responsibilities to
8 DEC (under the oversight of the IA). The subject matter of the Late-Filed
9 Exhibit touches on aspects of the evaluation process for which the IA was
10 responsible and aspects of the evaluation process for which DEC was
11 responsible and, therefore, as was expressly contemplated by the
12 Commission in requesting filing of the Late-Filed Exhibit, we collaborated
13 with the IA in preparation of the entirety of the Late-Filed Exhibit.

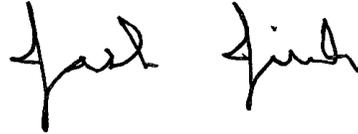
14 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT**
15 **TESTIMONY?**

16 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Direct Testimony, in Docket No. SP-13695, Sub 1, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to parties of record.

This the 28th day of April, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Jack E. Jirak in black ink.

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