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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

A. Shonta Dunston
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolina, LLC's Reply Comments
Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1253 and E-7, Sub 1146**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets, please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Reply Comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Jirak

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1146
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1253

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility Service in North Carolina)	DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC'S REPLY COMMENTS

Pursuant to the North Carolina Utilities Commission's (the "Commission") May 28, 2021 *Order Requesting Comments on Proposed Permanent Rate Designs, Extending Pilot Rate Designs and Adding Parties*, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") provides the following reply comments in response to the comments filed on June 15, 2021 by the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the "Public Staff") and on June 30, 2021 jointly by the North Carolina Justice Center, North Carolina Housing Coalition, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Natural Resources Defense Council ("NC Justice Center *et al.*") concerning DEC's May 7, 2021 petition for approval of three dynamic rate designs.

The Public Staff and NC Justice Center *et al.* filed comments supporting approval of DEC's proposed dynamic rate designs as filed. No parties filed comments opposing approval.

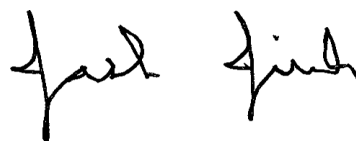
DEC agrees with the Public Staff's comments regarding the meaningful beneficial shifts in energy consumption and behavior that can be achieved through the proposed rates, as well as the increasing value of load reductions through rate design as the Company's

system shifts to a winter peaking system. Additionally, as noted by the Public Staff, approval of the proposed rates should not infringe on the work of the Comprehensive Rate Design Study, as ordered by the Commission's March 31, 2021 *Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice*, which could potentially result in further refinement and/or expansion of DEC's portfolio of rate schedules.

In their comments, NC Justice Center *et al.* asked DEC to take steps to make the proposed rates accessible to low-income households and to work with stakeholders to provide additional rate offerings to incent EV charging at off-peak times. DEC supports these goals and intends to work with stakeholders through the Low-Income Affordability Collaborative and Comprehensive Rate Design Study to identify and evaluate potential solutions.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission take these reply comments into account and approve the three dynamic rate designs as requested in the Company's May 7, 2021 Petition for Approval of Three Dynamic Rate Designs.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13th day of July, 2021.



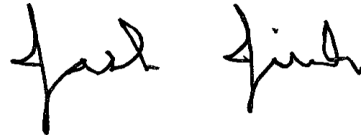
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Reply Comments, in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1253 and 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 parties of record:

This the 13th day of July, 2021.



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