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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
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**RE: Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Acceptance of Merger Order Terms  
Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100 and G-9, Sub 682**

Dear Chief Clerk:

I write on behalf of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") pursuant to the North Carolina Utilities Commission's ("Commission") September 29, 2016 *Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct* ("Merger Order") to notify the Commission that Duke Energy and Piedmont accept and agree to all the terms, conditions and provisions of the Merger Order, as well as the Commission-approved Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct.

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: James H. Jeffries, IV  
Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Acceptance of Merger Order Terms, in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100 and G-9, Sub 682, 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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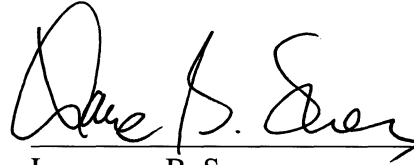
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