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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Gail L. Mount  
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC 2015 Integrated Resource Plan and  
2015 REPS Compliance Plan  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 141**

Dear Ms. Mount:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8, Commission Rules R8-60, R8-62(p) and R8-67 and the Commission's July 20, 2015 *Order Adopting Amendments to Commission Rule R8-60* in Docket No. E-100, Sub 111, I enclose Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") 2015 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") and 2015 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard ("REPS") Compliance Plan (collectively, the "2015 IRP Update Report"), for filing in connection with the referenced matter.

Portions of the DEC 2015 IRP Update Report contain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Tables 7-A, 7-B, 10-A and 10-B and text on pages 44, 45, 64 and 65 respectively of the 2015 IRP contain information concerning DEC's wholesale contracts. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEC's and/or its counterparties' ability to negotiate in the wholesale market. Table 2 on page 93 of the 2015 REPS Compliance Plan contains the Company's combustion turbine costs. If this commercially sensitive business and technical information were to be publicly disclosed, it would allow competitors, vendors and other market participants to gain an undue advantage, which may ultimately result in harm to ratepayers. Exhibit A, pages 95 through 100, of the 2015 REPS Compliance Plan contains names of counterparties with whom DEC has contracted for Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"), contract

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duration and estimated RECs. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEC's ability to negotiate and procure cost-effective purchases and discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals.

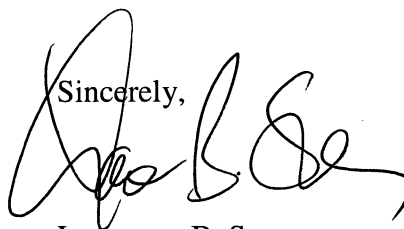
Accordingly I am filing portions of the 2015 IRP Update Report under seal; they should be treated confidentially pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2 and protected from public disclosure. The Company will provide a copy of the confidential information to parties to this proceeding upon execution of an appropriate confidentiality agreement with DEC.

The Company reads the requirements contained in the Commission's June 26, 2015 *Order Approving Integrated Resource Plans and REPS Compliance Plans* on "future IRP filings" to apply to the Company's next full IRP filing to be made in 2016. The Company has discussed this matter with the Public Staff, who concurs in this view in light of the Docket No. E-100, Sub 111 rulemaking and stakeholder process to streamline the odd-year IRP update requirements under Commission Rule R8-60(h). The Public Staff also concurs with DEC's plan to provide its Form 715, which contains critical energy infrastructure information filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission earlier this year, to the Public Staff rather than filing with the Commission.

DEC will schedule the Rule R8-60(m) stakeholder meeting by November 30 and will contact parties of record to attempt to accommodate as many as possible with a selected date and location.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence B. Somers', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan and 2015 REPS Compliance Plan, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 141, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties of record:

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