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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's  
Joint Initial Statement and Exhibits  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 194**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is the Joint Initial Statement for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) and together with DEC, the “Companies”). Consistent with the Commission’s August 7, 2023 Order Establishing Biennial Proceeding, Requiring Data, and Scheduling Public Hearing, the Joint Initial Statement presents for Commission approval the Companies’ standard avoided cost rates and contract terms and conditions for qualifying facilities (“QFs”) 1 MW and less.

The Companies have designated portions of DEC Exhibit 2, DEP Exhibit 2, and DEC/DEP Exhibit 8 to this Joint Initial Statement as confidential and trade secret information. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission protect this data from public disclosure. The Companies’ respective Exhibits 2 disclose estimated costs to procure additional energy, as well as the projected cost of new utility-owned generation. Public disclosure could hinder the Companies from obtaining the most cost-effective energy and capacity necessary to meet the needs of their customers. DEC/DEP Exhibit 8 also includes confidential and trade secret information. The Companies will make this information available to other parties pursuant to an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours

/s/ E. Brett Breitschwerdt

cc: Parties of Record

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Joint Initial Statement and Exhibits, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 194, has been served electronically to all parties of record.

This the 1st day of November, 2023.

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