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January 31, 2022

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE
For Western Carolina University
In the matter of Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost Rates
for Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities – 2021
NCUC Docket E-100, Sub 175

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On behalf of Western Carolina University, in the above referenced matter and docket, and in compliance with ordering paragraph number 10 of the August 13, 2021 Order Establishing Biennial Proceeding, Requiring Data, and Scheduling Public Hearing, I herewith provide the Affidavit of Publication from The Sylva Herald and Ruralite evidencing publication of the Public Notice in same on December 30, 2021 and on January 6, 2022.

Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ David T. Drooz

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 175
BEFORE THE NORTH

CAROLINA UTILITIES
COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Biennial Determination of
Avoided Cost) Rates for
Electric Utility Purchases from
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing in this docket which will commence on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of taking non-expert public witness testimony as a part of its 2021 biennial determination of avoided cost rates for purchases of electricity by the electric utilities who are parties to this docket from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities. The electric utilities who are parties to this docket are Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion), Western Carolina University (WCU), and Appalachian State University, d/b/a, New River Light and Power Company (New River).

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) requires electric utilities to offer to purchase electric energy from cogeneration and small power production facilities which obtain qualifying facility status under PURPA. The rates for such purchases shall be set by the state regulatory authority, shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electric utility and in the public interest, shall not discriminate against qualifying cogenerators or qualifying small power producers, and shall not exceed the incremental cost to the electric utility of acquiring alternative electric energy. As a part of its responsibility in these matters, the Commission determines on a biennial basis the avoided cost rates and conditions for the purchase of electricity by electric utilities from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities in North Carolina.

In addition to the requirements of PURPA, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-156 requires the Commission to determine the rates and contract terms to be observed by electric utilities in purchasing power from small power producers as defined in N.C.G.S. § 62-3(27a). The rates established pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-156 shall not exceed, over the term of the purchase power contract, the incremental cost to the electric utility of the electric energy which, but for the purchase from a small power producer, the utility would generate or purchase from another source.

NORTH CAROLINA

Jackson County

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to

administer oaths, personally appeared

Betty Crawford

who is first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he-she is

Authorized Employee

(Owner, partner, publisher, or other officer or employee authorized to make this affidavit)

of The Sylva Herald and Ruralite, engaged in the publication of a newspaper known as The Sylva Herald and Ruralite published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the Town of Sylva, in said County and State; that he-she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in The Sylva Herald and Ruralite on the following dates;

December 30, 2021 and January 6, 2022

and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This 6th day of January, 2022

Betty Crawford

(Signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th

day of January, 2022

Chelsea S. Allman

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Notary Public

My Commission expires:

October 3, 2026

