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Message

To whom it may concern, We are the Nation's largest homebuilder, DR Horton. We will build approximately 1400 homes in the Central Carolina Division next year (1200 this year). We operate inside the Duke Energy Progress footprint, as well as outside of it. We will build approximately 600 homes next year in the Triad market, which is almost exclusively Duke Energy Carolinas jurisdiction. As a result of the Duke RNC program not being extended, the homes that we build in the Triad, and outlying markets will not be as efficient as the ones within the DEP jurisdiction. We were able to make adjustments to the air sealing and general performance of our homes, within the DEP footprint due to the sizeable rebates offered on a performance basis. Although not every home would receive the scores necessary to receive the DUKE RNC rebate, the percentage was very high. The benefit was real to not only us, but mainly the buyer who ultimately received a better home, and lower energy bills for the life of the home. We were sitting at the ready, to install the same practices throughout our division, if the program had been expanded. We were, and still are, disappointed at the impasse that has prevented such a positive program from seeing it's full potential. We build all homes to and above code compliance, and this program allowed us to stretch our build practices to a new level, within the DEP footprint. We would be glad to see the necessary parties come to whatever agreement is necessary to see this program installed throughout the Duke Energy jurisdiction. Our neighboring divisions in Charlotte, as well as the Coastal Carolinas, would surely be in the same position to improve their methods as we are today. Thank you for your consideration of simply one voice within the greater DR Horton family.

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