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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
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**RE: Joint Motion to Excuse
 Docket No. E-7, Sub 1307**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission in the above-referenced proceeding, please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission's *Joint Motion to Excuse*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ladawn S. Toon", written in a cursive style.

Ladawn S. Toon

Enclosure

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1307

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE
Application Pursuant to G.S. 62-110.8 and)	
Commission Rule R8-71 for Approval of)	
CPRE Compliance Report and CPRE Cost)	
Recovery Rider)	
)	

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”), by and through counsel and pursuant to Rule R-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”), and hereby move the Commission to issue an order excusing Angela M. Tabor, Christy J. Walker, Jeff T. Thomas, and Darrus Cofield from testifying at the June 10, 2024 evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this Joint Motion, DEC and the Public Staff show the following:

1. On February 27, 2024, DEC filed its application for approval of the CPRE Program rider pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71 (“Application”). DEC also pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Tabor and Walker in support of the Company’s Application.
2. On March 15, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Procedural and Filing Requirements, and Requiring Public Notice* scheduling an evidentiary hearing on this matter to begin on Monday, June 10, 2024.

3. On May 8, 2024, DEC filed the Supplemental Testimony, Exhibits and Workpapers of Christy J. Walker (“Supplemental Filing”).

4. On May 20, 2024, the Public Staff filed the affidavits of witnesses Thomas and Cofield, recommending approval of the Company’s Application as updated by the Supplemental Filing.

5. On May 29, 2024, DEC filed a Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony.

6. Counsel for the Company has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of the DEC witnesses and Public Staff affiants and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record.

7. The Public Staff has authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on its behalf.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff respectfully move the Commission to: (1) excuse DEC witnesses Angela M. Tabor and Christy J. Walker, and Public Staff affiants Jeff Thomas and Darrus Cofield from appearing at the evidentiary hearing; (2) receive into evidence the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the aforementioned individuals; and (3) grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 3rd day of June, 2024.

/s/Ladawn S. Toon

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff's *Joint Motion to Excuse*, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1307, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to parties of record.

This the 3rd day of June, 2024.

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