BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1276

In the Matter of:)	
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Application to Adjust Retail Base	j	
Rates and for Performance-Based)	
Regulation, and Request for an	ĺ	
Accounting Order)	

PURSUANT TO North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "NCUC") Rule R1-19, Vote Solar, through counsel, files this petition to intervene in the above-captioned docket, and provides the following information in support of its petition:

- 1. On January 19, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133, 62-133.16, and 134 and Commission Rules R1-5, R1-17, R1-17B, and R8-27, filed with the Commission its general rate case and performance-based regulation application ("PBR Application").
- 2. Vote Solar is a nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to expanding access to affordable, renewable energy—particularly solar energy—through local, state, and federal policies. Vote Solar has more than 110,000 members nationwide, including members who receive electrical service from DEC. Vote Solar is headquartered at 360 22nd Street, Suite 730, Oakland, CA 94612.
- 3. Since 2018, Vote Solar has intervened in at least ten dockets before the Commission, including the general rate case and performance-based regulation proceeding in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300. Vote Solar also has participated and provided feedback in North Carolina utility stakeholder

engagement processes on matters related to net metering, rate design, and integrated resource and distribution planning, among other things.

- 4. Vote Solar has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. Vote Solar has members who are customers of DEC and are therefore subject to the direct impacts of the PBR Application. Vote Solar seeks to jointly intervene and participate in this proceeding with intervenors North Carolina Justice Center, North Carolina Housing Coalition, National Resources Defense Council, and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy to ensure that Vote Solar members' interests in advancing energy affordability and promoting access to solar energy and other distributed energy resources are represented.
- 5. The attorneys for Vote Solar to whom all correspondence and filings in this docket should be addressed are:

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Service by electronic mail pursuant to NCUC Rule R1-39 is preferred and should be addressed to dneal@selcnc.org, mmagarira@selcnc.org, and tgooding@selcnc.org.

WHEREFORE, Vote Solar requests that it be allowed to intervene and participate in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February, 2023.

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VERIFICATION

I, Munashe Magarira, verify that the contents of the foregoing Petition to
Intervene are true to the best of my knowledge, except as to those matters stated
on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. I am
authorized to sign this verification on behalf of Vote Solar.

Munashe Magarira

Date: February 5, 2023

NOTARY PUBLIC ORANGE COUNTY STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Munashe Magarira

This the 13 day of February, 2023.

Signature

Kathleen Lockwood, Notary Public My commission expires: 8/17/2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that all parties of record have been served with the foregoing Petition to Intervene either by electronic mail or by deposit in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

This the 13th day of February, 2023.

<u>/s Munashe Magarira</u> Munashe Magarira