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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

> RE: 2015 Smart Grid Technology Plans Docket No. E-100, Sub 141

Dear Ms. Mount:

Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-60.1, I enclose the 2015 Smart Grid Technology Plan Updates (collectively, the "Plans") of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the "Companies") for filing in connection with the referenced matter. Although Rule R8-60.1(b) requires an update only for "significant amendments or revisions" in years when the biennial Plan is not required to be filed, because this is the second year of the Plans requirement, the Companies have included more general, updated information beyond what would otherwise be required by the Rule, for the benefit of the Commission.

Portions of the Plans contain confidential information that should be protected from disclosure. Section 4 of each Plan contains projected costs for installations scheduled to begin within five years. Public disclosure of this information would impair the Companies' ability to procure equipment and services necessary to construct the projects on advantageous terms for the benefit of the Companies' customers. Thus, the Companies respectfully request that the confidential information be treated confidentially pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-1.2. The Companies will make this information available to other parties pursuant to an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the 2015 Smart Grid Technology Plans of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 141, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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