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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Response to Letter Filed by Public Staff Regarding the Company's Application to Adjust Retail Base Rates and for Performance-Based Regulation  
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1276**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") hereby provides this response to the letter dated February 3, 2023 filed by the Public Staff in the above-captioned docket ("Public Staff Letter") concerning the Company's Application to Adjust Retail Base Rates and for Performance-Based Regulation ("Application").

As of the date of this letter, the Company has now provided all of the documents expressly identified in the Public Staff Letter as further detailed below. However, while the Company has provided the requested documents, the Company does not agree that its Application was incomplete or that the information identified by Public Staff is required under Commission Rule R1-17B(d)(2)j. At the time of submission of the Application, the Company provided all of the specifically enumerated filing requirements (*see* Rule R1-17B(d)(2)j(i) – (vi)) in exhibits attached to the respective witnesses supporting the multiyear rate plan ("MYRP") capital projects, along with all applicable workpapers in support of the MYRP. Importantly, while the Company acknowledges this difference of opinion, it does not believe that the difference of opinion has any practical impact on this proceeding given that all of the documents requested by Public Staff have now been provided. Furthermore, the Company appreciates the collaborative approach taken by Public Staff on similar issues in the Duke Energy Progress, LLC rate case proceeding and will continue to engage with Public Staff to resolve any similar project documentation questions in the DEC proceeding.

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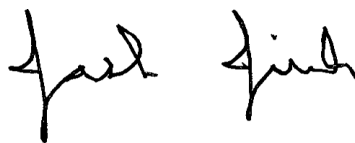
Specifically in response to the Public Staff Letter, the Company has provided pursuant to PSDR 1-8 the requested documents for all MYRP projects for which such documentation has been produced in the ordinary course of project development. The Public Staff's expressly identified documents that have been provided are the following:

- **Witness Bryan Walsh**
  - Evaluator Outputs
  - Service Bulletins
  - Funding Approvals
- **Witness Steven Capps**
  - Funding Authorization Forms
  - Final Estimates
  - Schedules
  - Associated Contracts

Additional project documentation in addition to the Public Staff's expressly identified documents has also been provided in support of the MYRP projects pursuant to PSDR 1-8 in those cases where it has been produced in the ordinary course of project development, and the Company remains available to engage with Public Staff at any time regarding any further MYRP documentation-related questions.<sup>1</sup> Because the requested documents are not required under Rule R1-17B(d)(2)j (and also due to the volume of information in question), the Company does not intend to file this project documentation with the Commission as requested in the Public Staff letter. Instead, the documents are being provided to Public Staff as part of the Company's responses to PSDR 1-8. All parties to the proceeding may access such discovery pursuant to the established processes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jack E. Jirak

cc: Parties of Record

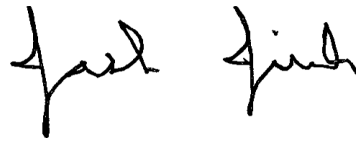
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<sup>1</sup>The Public Staff Letter indicates that its list of requested documents is "not exhaustive." As noted, the Company believes that it has fully complied with the legal requirements of R1-17B(d)(2)j and provided additional project documentation beyond the legal requirements. However, to the extent that Public Staff believe that additional project documentation is needed, the Company is available to discuss further.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Response to Letter Filed by Public Staff Regarding the Company's Application to Adjust Retail Base Rates and for Performance-Based Regulation, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1276, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Jirak", written in a cursive style.

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