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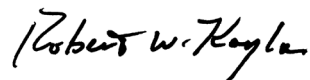
Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Notice of Affidavit
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1270**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Notice of Affidavit.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Rhett Taber

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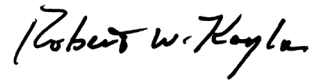
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In the Matter of)
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Rhett Taber, 2028 Fairview Road, Raleigh,)
North Carolina 27608)
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Complainant)
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v.)
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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
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Respondent)

NOTICE OF AFFIDAVIT

THEREFORE, DEC moves that the Affidavit of Jason A. Walls be admitted into evidence in the absence of notice, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-68.

This the 10th day of November 2022.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1270

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
)	AFFIDAVIT OF JASON A.
Complaint of Rhett Taber)	WALLS
)	

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

I, Jason A. Walls, first being duly sworn, do depose and say:

I am employed by Duke Energy as Director, Government & Community Relations in Western North Carolina.

The purpose of my affidavit is to set forth my conversations with Complainant Rhett Taber and others regarding the relocation of two Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) power poles as a part of the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s (“NCDOT”) widening of NC Highway 25 in Henderson County, North Carolina.

On October 19, 2020, I was notified that North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore’s Office was receiving calls from Mr. Taber, and I was asked to contact Mr. Taber. I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Taber regarding the relocation of the DEC power poles on a NCDOT easement on his property, and I explained that the project was completed by DEC in accordance with the NCDOT public utility easement process.

My next conversation with Mr. Taber was again at the request of Speaker Moore’s Office and, on May 21, 2021, I reached out to Mr. Taber to discuss his concerns about the power pole relocations. Following that conversation, I engaged DEC’s local engineering

department to be available to discuss Mr. Taber's concerns regarding the power pole relocations. After that Mr. Taber would call me when he felt that DEC's staff were not responding quickly enough or if he had not heard from anyone at DEC over a certain period. I routinely explained to Mr. Taber that DEC's work on the NC Highway widening was complete, and that he needed to be taking his concerns to NCDOT. I would estimate that there were eight to ten calls between myself and Mr. Taber between May and July of 2021.

In June 2021 I offered to try and schedule a meeting between Mr. Taber, Adam Henderson, DEC Director Asset Design Mountain Zone and NCDOT. NCDOT communicated to Bob Mabry, DEC Lead Engineer Technologist Asset Design Mountain Zone, that it would not participate in such a meeting as the NC Highway widening project had been completed. From that point forward I was not involved in any meetings with Mr. Taber. I can state that all my conversations with Mr. Taber were professional and that I made every attempt to understand his demands and to always connect him with the correct DEC representatives, and that DEC personnel acted in good faith. I am not aware that DEC representatives in any way misled or deceived Mr. Taber regarding his efforts to have the power poles relocated.

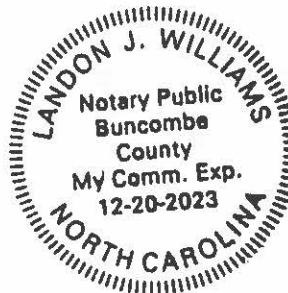
This completes my affidavit.

Jason A. Walls
Jason A. Walls

Sworn and subscribed before me this 10 day of November, 2022.

L J Williams
(Signature of Notary Public)

Landon J. Williams
(Name of Notary Public)



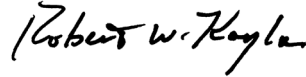
My Commission Expires 12-20-2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Notice of Affidavit, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1270, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, 1st Class Postage Prepaid, to the following party:

Rhett Taber
2028 Fairview Road
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This the 10th day of November, 2022.



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