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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

**RE: Informational Update Regarding Completion of Stakeholder
Engagement and Planned Filing Date for Carolinas Resource Plans
Docket No. E-100, Sub 190
Docket No. E-100, Sub 190S**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and together with DEC, the “Companies” or “Duke Energy”) hereby provide this informational update to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to report on the conclusion of stakeholder meetings as well as the Companies’ plans for filing their Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan (“CPIRP”) and corresponding direct testimony, as part of their system-wide 2023 Carolinas Resource Plans.

Stakeholder Process Update

As reported to the Commission in prior updates, the Companies held a total of five (5) stakeholder engagement sessions: February 22, March 16, March 22, May 31, and June 13, 2023. These engagement sessions covered a variety of technical topics important to the Companies’ 2023 Resource Plans, including the Companies’ coal retirement analysis methodology; natural gas price forecast methodology; modeling assumptions for solar, solar plus storage, and standalone storage resources; 2023 Resource Adequacy Study; load forecast; assumptions related to the Inflation Reduction Act; and key inputs and assumptions that will be used to develop the core portfolios for the system-wide 2023 Carolinas Resource Plans.

The Companies have established a Carolinas Resource Planning website, accessible at www.duke-energy.com/carolinas-irp, that contains all stakeholder meeting presentation materials, including slides shared with meeting participants, videos of each meeting, and

meeting summaries. Given that the Companies' formal stakeholder engagement process has concluded, the Companies are working towards completing modeling, developing, and finalizing the Carolinas Resource Plans for filing with the Commission and the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC"). The Companies appreciate the robust engagement of all stakeholders in this process and look forward to further opportunities for engagement on the CPIRP and other topics.

Procedural Plan for Upcoming CPIRP Filing

The Commission's *Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning* ("Carbon Plan Order") directs the Companies to file the CPIRP and direct testimony by September 1, 2023.¹ The Companies hereby notify the Commission of their plan to file the CPIRP on August 17, 2023, and to then file direct testimony of witnesses sponsoring the CPIRP on September 1, 2023. While this planned procedural schedule marks a slight acceleration from the schedule contemplated by the *Carbon Plan Order*, it allows the Companies to more closely align the CPIRP filing dates in North Carolina with the Companies' Integrated Resource Plan filing in South Carolina (where the Plan must be filed with the PSCSC by August 15, 2023). This approach also still allows for filing direct testimony with the Commission on the date initially directed in the *Carbon Plan Order*. The Companies do not believe any party will be prejudiced by filing direct testimony on September 1, 2023, close in time after the CPIRP filing is made, and the Companies support the 180-day period for the Public Staff and Intervenor to review the CPIRP and file their own testimony beginning to run on September 1, 2023.

As directed in the *Carbon Plan Order*, the Companies plan to make available complete modeling input and output data files to intervenors on August 17, 2023, contemporaneous with filing the Plan.² Consistent with the 2022 Carbon Plan proceeding in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179, this information will be made available upon request to intervenors whose participation in this docket has been approved by order of the Commission and who have submitted an executed confidentiality agreement to the Companies. Intervenor interested in having access to the final EnCompass datasets should contact Duke Energy Associate General Counsel Jason Higginbotham (Jason.Higginbotham@duke-energy.com), as well as Duke Energy Paralegals, Gina Freeman (Gina.Freeman@duke-energy.com) and Kimberley Campbell (Kimberley.Campbell@duke-energy.com), who will be coordinating the confidentiality agreement execution process and providing instructions regarding accessing the information as it becomes available.

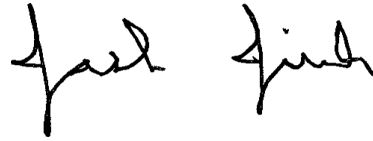
As the Companies continue to develop and present their Carolinas Resource Plans, they will look for ways to promote efficiency in and between this docket and the Companies' related efforts to implement the Near-Term Action Plan approved in the

¹ *Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning*, 130, Ordering Paragraph 2(a), Docket No. E-100, Sub 179 (Dec. 31, 2022) ("By September 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter, Duke shall file with the Commission its proposed biennial CPIRP, including the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses.").

² *Id.*

Carbon Plan Order, including through the filing of applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for planned new generating facilities.

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



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I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Informational Update Regarding Completion of Stakeholder Engagement and Planned Filing Date for Carolinas Resource Plans and Direct Testimony, 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 19th day of July, 2023.

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