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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: Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. Response to Commission

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Docket No. M-100, Sub 163

Dear Ms. Dunston:

At the technical conference held in this matter on April 19, 2022, Chair Mitchell asked the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. ("PSNC") presenters whether PSNC's Cary liquified natural gas plant ("Cary LNG") was on Duke Energy Progress's ("DEP") "protected services list" in the context of an extreme weather event. Mr. Rayner, on behalf of the Company, stated he would provide the answer to the question after the technical conference. The Company responds as follows.

According to DEP, DEP's system does not have circuits with a "protected" designation. However, PSNC understands that DEP maintains a ranking list if DEP were ever forced to implement rolling blackouts. Each feeder is assigned a general load priority of 1, 2 or 3. Priority 3 is for circuits serving facilities deemed extremely critical to public health and safety and those circuits are the least likely to experience a forced outage. The feeder serving Cary LNG has a Priority 3 designation because Cary LNG is considered critical.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,	
/s/Mary Lynne Grigg	

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing <u>Response to Commission Question</u> as filed in Docket No. M-100, Sub 163, was served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 9th day of May, 2022.

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