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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket No. E-7, Sub 1155

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On November 25, 2019, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearing and Providing Notice of Topics in the above-captioned docket. This order was issued in response to a number of comments received by the Commission expressing opposition to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC's") proposed withdrawal of its Residential New Construction incentive program. In its November 25, 2019 Order, the Commission established a hearing on January 27, 2020 for the purpose of addressing certain questions about this docket as specified in its Order.

Neither Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") nor Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. ("PSNC") are parties to this proceeding and do not seek party status by this filing. Notwithstanding this fact, because the ultimate disposition of this docket has the potential to impact both natural gas companies and one of the Commission's enumerated questions involves the opinions of Piedmont and PSNC on the subject matter of this proceeding, Piedmont and PSNC have determined and hereby advise the Commission that they will be present at the January 27, 2020 hearing in this matter and will make themselves available for questions from the Commission at such hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach the under-signed counsel at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

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