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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell
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North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Joint Motion for Extension of
Time to Conduct Market Study
Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095D, E-7, Sub 110D and G-9, Sub 682D**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Piedmont Natural Gas Company Inc.'s Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Conduct Market Study for filing in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kendrick C. Fentress". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being particularly prominent.

Kendrick C. Fentress

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

In the Matter of)	
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Comprehensive, Third-Party,)	JOINT MOTION BY DUKE
Independent Audits of Transactions,)	ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC,
Services, and other Affiliate Dealings)	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC,
Pursuant to the Regulated Utility-to-)	PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
Regulated Utility Service Agreement)	COMPANY, INC. FOR
and other Utility to Utility Service)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO
Agreements)	CONDUCT MARKET STUDY

NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”), and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) (collectively “the Companies”), by and through counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-9 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules and Regulations, and jointly request a six-month extension of time to perform the comprehensive market competitiveness study required by Regulatory Condition No. 5.2(b), which was most recently approved in the *Order Granting Motion to Amend Regulatory Conditions*, issued on August 24, 2018 in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095A, E-7, Sub 1100A and G-9, Sub 682A. In support, the Companies show the following:

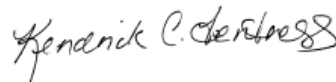
1. Regulatory Condition 5.2(b) requires DEC, DEP and Piedmont to perform a comprehensive, non-solicitation based assessment of the market competitiveness of the costs for goods and services provided by any of them to a Utility Affiliate, Duke Energy Business Services, a Non-Utility Affiliate, any other Affiliate, and a Nonpublic Utility Operation every four years.

2. The prior market competitiveness study began in 2016 and was filed on January 13, 2017. Due to the Companies' focus on the independent third-party audit of affiliate transactions, which began earlier this year and remains pending before the Commission, the Companies need additional time to conduct a new market competitiveness study.

3. The Companies jointly request, therefore, an additional six months to conduct the market competitiveness study, with a target filing date of May 1, 2021. As with the 2017 market competitiveness study, the Companies intend to consult with the Public Staff on how the market study will be conducted to gain its input. The Companies have provided a copy of this joint motion to the Public Staff before filing, and it had no objection to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission grant an extension until May 1, 2021 to conduct and file the market competitiveness study and any such further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 30th day of November, 2020.



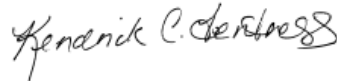
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Joint Motion for Extension of Time to Conduct Market Study, in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095D, E-7, Sub 1100D and G-9, Sub 682D, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, 1st Class Postage Prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This, the 30th day of November, 2020.



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