

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 190

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In the Matter of )  
Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and )  
Integrated Resource Plans of Duke Energy )  
Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy )  
Progress, LLC, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62- )  
110.9 and § 62-110.1(c) )

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO  
PRACTICE PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN  
STAT. § 84-4.1**

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Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes (“N.C. Gen. Stat.”) § 84-4.1 and Rule R1-22 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, J. Ashley Cooper of the law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC respectfully requests the Commission to enter an order permitting him to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and collectively with DEC, the “Companies”) in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, Mr. Cooper alleges and shows the following.

1. The above-captioned matter is a regulatory proceeding before the Commission, governed by North Carolina public utility law.
2. DEC and DEP are limited liability companies, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and are public utilities under the laws of North Carolina with operations subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
3. Mr. Cooper is an attorney in good standing, licensed to practice law in the State of South Carolina, and he will appear on behalf of the Companies in the above- captioned proceeding.
4. Mr. Cooper’s full name, address and bar identification number are:

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5. Mr. Cooper will continue to represent the Companies in the above-captioned proceeding until the final determination thereof, unless permitted to withdraw sooner by order of the Commission.

6. Mr. Cooper has agreed to be subject to the orders and is amenable to the disciplinary action and civil jurisdiction of the General Court of Justice and the North Carolina State Bar in all respects as if he were a regularly admitted and licensed member of the Bar of North Carolina in good standing.

7. The Bar of the State of South Carolina, in which Mr. Cooper is regularly admitted to practice, grants permission to members of the Bar of North Carolina in good standing to practice *pro hac vice* under circumstances similar to those authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-4.1.

8. Mr. Cooper, who is counsel for the Companies, is associated for purposes of appearing before the Commission with Jack E. Jirak of Duke Energy Corporation, who is duly and legally permitted to practice in the General Court of Justice in North Carolina, upon which service may be had in all matters connected with the legal proceedings, or any disciplinary matter, with the same effect as if personally made on Mr. Cooper.

9. Mr. Cooper has not been disciplined by any court or lawyer regulatory organization, nor has he had *pro hac vice* privileges revoked.

10. The Statements required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-4.1 are attached to this motion.

11. Upon issuance of an order granting this motion, the appropriate filings and fees will be made to the State Treasurer for support of the General Court of Justice and to the North Carolina

State Bar as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §84-4.1. At that time, Mr. Cooper will also file with the Commission a copy of the checks paid as filing fees.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully request that this Motion be granted and that J. Ashley Cooper be allowed to appear before the Commission in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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**Statement Required by N.C. Gen.  
Stat. § 84-4.1**

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I, J. Ashley Cooper, hereby state that:

1. I am an attorney at law regularly admitted to practice and in good standing in the State of South Carolina.

2. I am counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) and collectively with DEC, the “Companies”) and desire to represent the Companies in the above-captioned proceeding, which is currently pending before the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Commission”).

3. My full name, address and bar identification number are:

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4. I will, unless permitted to withdraw sooner by order of the Commission, continue to represent the Company in the above-captioned proceeding until the final determination thereof.

5. I agree, with reference to all matters incident to Commission proceedings, to be subject to the orders and amenable to the disciplinary action and the civil jurisdiction of the

Commission, the General Court of Justice, and the North Carolina State Bar in all respects as if I were a regularly admitted and licensed member of the Bar of North Carolina in good standing.

6. The State of South Carolina, in which I am regularly admitted to practice, grants similar privileges to appear on a limited basis in judicial and regulatory proceedings being conducted in that jurisdiction to members of the Bar of North Carolina.

7. I have associated, for purposes of appearing and practicing in Commission proceedings, with Jack E. Jirak of Duke Energy Corporation, 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, an attorney who is duly and legally permitted to practice in the General Court of Justice in North Carolina, upon whom service may be had in all matters connected with the above-captioned proceeding or any disciplinary matter, with the same effect as if personally made on me within this State.

8. I have not been disciplined by any court or lawyer regulatory organization and have not had a revocation of any *pro hac vice* admission.

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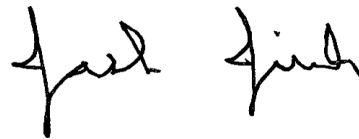
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**Statement Required by N.C. Gen.  
Stat. § 84-4.1(2)**

I, Jack E. Jirak, hereby certify that I am Counsel for Duke Energy Corporation, 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601; and that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the “Companies”) have requested that J. Ashley Cooper represent the Companies in the above-captioned proceeding before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.



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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR  
ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE**

BY THE CHAIR: On July 12, 2024, J. Ashley Cooper, an attorney admitted to practice in the State of South Carolina, filed a motion with the Commission seeking authority to appear pro hac vice on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC in the above-captioned dockets. Mr. Cooper is associated with Jack E. Jirak of Duke Energy Corporation, an attorney in good standing in the State of North Carolina, for the purpose of this limited representation.

The Chair is of the opinion that good cause exists to grant the motion for admission pro hac vice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Mr. Cooper’s motion for admission pro hac vice in this proceeding shall be, and is hereby, allowed; and

2. That Mr. Cooper’s name and address is:

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

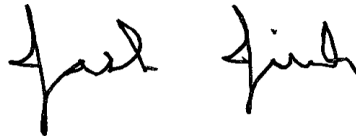
Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* for J. Ashley Cooper, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 190, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Postage Prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.



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