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Mr. Sam Watson General Counsel North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

Re: NCUC Docket No. E-7, Sub 1162

Dear Mr. Watson,

This letter is in response to your letter of July 20, 2018, regarding Chairman Finley's February 2015 appointment to serve on the Advisory Council to the EPRI Board of Directors. Please accept this letter as Rutherford EMC and Blue Ridge EMC's confirmation that the conflict is neither substantial nor material, and that neither objects to Chairman Finley's participation in the proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

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