



February 2, 2022

Ms. Shonta Dunston
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 179
Carbon Plan of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke Energy
Carolinas, LLC (together, "Duke"), Pursuant to Session Law 2021-165
CCEBA Letter Regarding Stakeholder Meetings

Dear Ms. Dunston,

The Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association ("CCEBA"), Intervenor in the above docket, pursuant to the Order Requiring Updates on Stakeholder Meetings issued by the Commission on January 21, 2020, is pleased to submit this letter regarding the sufficiency of the Carbon Plan stakeholder process in the alternative to providing a presentation at the Commission's February 7, 2022 Staff Conference. This letter is being filed and served upon all parties to this docket.

CCEBA believes that collaboration among all stakeholders will be required to meet the large ramp up of renewable generation mandated in House Bill 951. We look forward to working with Duke and other stakeholders to accomplish that goal.

In order to achieve that collaboration, CCEBA agrees with the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association ("NCSEA") that agendas and presentation materials for the stakeholder meetings should be provided further in advance of the meetings themselves. While Duke's presentations and materials were valuable, the presentation slides were not provided to participants until the day after the meeting. CCEBA believes that stakeholder participation would be improved if the topics to be discussed were known in advance. For instance, during the First Stakeholder Meeting, Duke ended discussion of each topic with a question for further discussion. Had those questions been known in advance, stakeholders

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would have been better prepared to address them during the Q&A portions of the stakeholder meeting itself.

CCEBA also agrees with NCSEA that Duke should be encouraged to make clear in advance both how engagement will occur during the meetings themselves and what will be done with feedback, particularly unanswered questions, that are received during and after the sessions. For instance, the online “chat” portion of the first stakeholder meeting was gathered, anonymized, and circulated to all participants in the days after the meeting. That chat contained numerous questions and points made by stakeholders during the meeting itself. It is not clear from Duke’s written materials how such input will be considered during the stakeholder process. CCEBA encourages written answers and further engagement on topics specifically identified by participants during that chat session.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of these concerns and look forward to answering any questions that the Commission may have at the February 7, 2022 Staff Conference.

Sincerely,

/s/John D. Burns

General Counsel

Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association