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Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell
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Re: Joint Motion in the matter of Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Approval of Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program; NCUC Docket Nos: E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On behalf of North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff ("Joint Movants"), I herewith electronically submit the attached Joint Motion for filing in the above referenced matter and docket.

If you should have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen M. Kemerait

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156

In the Matter of:
Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas,
LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for
Approval of Competitive Procurement of
Renewable Energy Program

JOINT MOTION

NOW COME the North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance (“NCCEBA”), the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (“NCSEA”), Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and the Public Staff (collectively, “Joint Movants”), pursuant to Commission Rule R1-7, and respectfully move the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for (1) an extension to the current closing date of December 15, 2019 for the acceptance of proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation, and (2) a delay in the final Tranche 2 stakeholder meeting. In support of this Joint Motion, the Joint Movants show the Commission the following.

1. On July 2, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Modifying and Accepting CPRE Program Plan* (“July 2, 2019 Order”), modifying Duke Energy Progress, LLC’s and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s (together, “Duke”) CPRE Program Plan to reflect the adjusted timeline for implementation of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation. In the July 2, 2019 Order, the Commission directed Duke to adjust the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation so that the acceptance of proposals would open on October 15, 2019 and close on December 15, 2019.

2. In the Commission’s July 2, 2019 Order, the Commission required Duke to host monthly stakeholder meetings with interested stakeholders to provide detailed

information about the RFP solicitation process. The stakeholder meetings were to continue through the close of the proposal submission period (i.e., December 15, 2019).

3. On July 15, 2019, Duke filed a Stakeholder Meeting Report and Schedule that scheduled stakeholder meetings on August 7, 2019, September 12, 2019, October 10, 2019, November 13, 2019, and December 12, 2019.¹

4. On October 7, 2019, the Commission issued its *Notice of Decision* in the Commission's 2018 biennial avoided cost proceeding in Docket No. E-100, Sub 158. In that *Notice of Decision*, the Commission provided its decisions related to the methodology and calculation of Duke's avoided cost rates under North Carolina's implementation of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"). The *Notice of Decision* also announced that the Commission had not yet decided issues related to Duke's proposed Solar Integration Services Charge ("SISC"), and that the Commission was inclined to seek additional input from interested parties regarding the SISC's applicability to the CPRE Program.

5. Contemporaneous with issuing the *Notice of Decision*, the Commission issued an *Order Requesting Comments* in this proceeding to facilitate a discussion about whether, and, if so, how the SISC should be applied to the CPRE Program. The *Order Requesting Comments* stated that any party may file comments on or before October 18, 2019, and may file reply comments on or before October 25, 2019.² Duke, the Public Staff, NCCEBA, NCSEA, and First Solar, Inc. filed initial comments on October 18, 2019 and reply comments on October 29, 2019.

¹ Duke has hosted stakeholder meetings on August 7, 2019, September 12, 2019, October 10, 2019, and November 13, 2019.

² On October 25, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Extension of Time* to allow the parties until October 29, 2019 to file reply comments.

6. The Commission has not yet issued an order about whether, and, if so, how the SISC should be applied to the CPRE Program.

7. Since the Commission has not yet issued an order providing guidance about whether, and, if so, how the SISC will be applied to the CPRE Program and has not approved the Requirements for Avoidance of SISC, the market participants are unable to prepare and finalize their proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation. For that reason, the Joint Movants believe that an extension to the closing for the acceptance of proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation is necessary, and that the extension should be the later of (i) February 15, 2020 or (ii) forty-five days after the Commission issues an order as to whether the SISC should be applied to the CPRE Program. Such an extension will provide time for the market participants to prepare and finalize their proposals after receiving guidance from the Commission as to whether the SISC should be applied to the CPRE Program.

8. The Joint Movants also believe that a delay in the final Tranche 2 stakeholder meeting is warranted so that Duke, the Public Staff, the IA, and the stakeholders may be able to discuss the outstanding issues for the Tranche 2 RFP Solicitation after receiving an order from the Commission about the applicability of the SISC to the CPRE Program. The Joint Movants request that the final stakeholder meeting be held no later than thirty days prior to the closing of the acceptance of proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation (i.e., January 15, 2020).

WHEREFORE, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order allowing:

1. An extension to the closing date for the acceptance of proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation to the later of (i) February 15, 2020 or (ii) forty-five days after the Commission issues an order as to whether the SISC should be applied to the CPRE Program; and

2. The final Tranche 2 stakeholder meeting to be held no later than thirty days prior to the closing for the acceptance of proposals for the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation (i.e., January 15, 2020).

Respectfully submitted this the 22nd day of November, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that all persons on the docket service list have been served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Joint Motion by hand delivery, first class mail deposited in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, or by email transmission with the party's consent.

This the 22nd day of November, 2019.

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