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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
2021 Integrated Resource Plan Update Filing
Docket No. E-100, Sub 165**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to the Commission's June 29, 2021 *Order Waiving in Part Rule R8-60(h)(2) and Giving Notice of Additional Proceedings*, I enclose Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" and collectively the "Companies") (1) update to the Short-Term Action Plan, (2) 2021 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard ("REPS") Compliance Plan required by Commission Rule R8-60(h)(4) and Rule Ri-67(b), and (3) 2021 Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy ("CPRE") Program Plan required by Commission Rule R8-71(g)(1) (collectively the "2021 IRP Update Filing"), for filing in connection with the referenced matter.

Portions of the 2021 IRP Update Filing contain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Table 2 of the DEC and DEP REPS Compliance Plans contains combustion turbine costs. If this commercially sensitive business and technical information were to be publicly disclosed, it would allow competitors, vendors and other market participants to gain an undue advantage, which may ultimately result in harm to customers. Exhibit A of the REPS Compliance Plan contains names of counterparties with whom DEC and DEP respectively have contracted for Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"), contract duration and estimated RECs. Public disclosure of this information would harm the Companies' ability to negotiate and procure cost-effective purchases and discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals.

Accordingly, I am filing portions of the 2021 IRP Update Filing under seal; they should be treated confidentially pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2 and protected from public disclosure. The Companies will provide a copy of the confidential information to

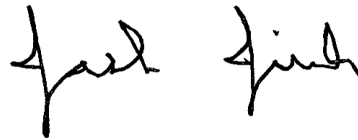
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parties to this proceeding upon execution of an appropriate confidentiality agreement with DEC and DEP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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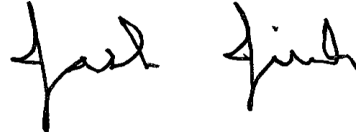
Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's 2021 IRP Update Filing, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 165, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to parties of record.

This the 1st day of September, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Jack E. Jirak in black ink.

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