



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

May 12, 2021

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-4335

RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC's Joint  
Petition for Financing Order (Joint Petition)  
Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1243 and E-2, Sub 1262

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Pursuant to Section III of the Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement (Stipulation) filed in the above-referenced dockets on January 27, 2021, the Stipulating Parties agreed that the Public Staff will audit the Companies' storm recovery costs as more particularly described in the Stipulation.

The Public Staff has completed its audit, and it appears to the Public Staff that the Companies have properly accounted for the storm costs in the respective periods since the Public Staff's initial audit in the 2019 rate cases.

Therefore, the Public Staff recommends that the balances of operation and maintenance expenses and capital expenditures for each of the Companies (as set forth on Abernathy DEC Exhibit 2 and Abernathy DEP Exhibit 2 to the Companies' direct testimony filed in support of the Joint Petition) be found to be appropriate and reasonable for purposes of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted

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