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Kimberley Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 158
Stakeholder group to discuss the addition of energy storage at existing qualifying facilities

Dear Ms. Campbell:

In its April 15, 2020 *Order Establishing Rates and Contract Terms for Qualifying Facilities* in Docket No. E-100, Sub 158 (“Sub 158 Avoided Cost Order”), the Commission directed Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, (collectively, Duke) to organize a virtual stakeholder process to address a comprehensive list of issues related to the addition of energy storage at an existing Qualifying Facility, with the results on the process to be reported to the Commission no later than September 1, 2020.¹

In Ordering Paragraph No. 31 of the Sub 158 Avoided Cost Order, the Commission directed the Public Staff to make a filing on the organization and schedule for this stakeholder process within 30 days of the Order. This letter is to inform the Commission of the preliminary steps taken to organize the virtual stakeholder process and the current schedule for the process. Below is a summary of the activities of the stakeholder process to date:

- On April 21, 2020, the Public Staff and Duke held a conference call to discuss the stakeholder process and to develop a preliminary plan for the organization of the stakeholder meeting.

¹ *Sub 158 Avoided Cost Order* at pp. 131-132.

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- On April 24, 2020, Duke contacted all the parties in the Sub 158 proceeding via email to schedule the first virtual stakeholder meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.
- On May 6, 2020, Duke contacted the parties to confirm the initial meeting and to submit input from the stakeholders, including (a) brief summaries of stakeholders' discussion priorities and the parties positions on the issues identified by the Commission on pages 131-132 of its Sub 158 Avoided Cost Order; and (b) an example single line diagram of a QF solar + storage facility with separate metering for solar output and storage output while maintaining a single point of interconnection, with the information to be submitted on May 11, 2020, in advance of the first stakeholder meeting. The submissions by the parties were then shared with all participants in advance of the first meeting. Duke indicated its intention to create a centralized location where information shared as part of the stakeholder process would be saved and available to all parties.
- On May 13, 2020, the Duke convened the first virtual stakeholder meeting using Microsoft Teams to discuss the topics directed by the Commission and to further develop a plan for the activities of the working group in the coming months. At least 75 participants were on the call.
- During the call, the following tentative schedule was shared for the stakeholder process to help ensure that the process met the timelines established by the Commission:

Date	Schedule Option 1
May 13th Kickoff Meeting	Lay Groundwork, Technology
Week of June 1	Technology & Commercial
Week of June 22	Commercial & Regulatory
Week of July 13	Regulatory & other
Week of Aug 3	Share draft, discuss focused areas
Week of Aug 17	Share revised proposal
Sept 1	File final report

I hope this information is useful to the Commission. I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on the parties of record by e-mail.

Regards,

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