



**NORTH CAROLINA
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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

September 10, 2018

Sam Watson, General Counsel
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-2, Sub 1175
Letter Regarding Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter is in response to the notification in your letter of today stating that Chairman Finley was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council to the EPRI Board of Directors in February 2015, and further that a Duke Energy Progress, LLC, witness addresses a Company subscription to EPRI research programs. You have asked parties to verify in writing that they received notice of this potential conflict and agree that it is not substantial or material.

The Public Staff hereby confirms that it does not see any substantial or material conflict of interest. The Public Staff does not object to Chairman Finley's participation in the proceeding.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David T. Drooz".

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