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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Update on Carbon Plan Stakeholder Process  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 179**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) hereby provide this update to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) and interested stakeholders regarding the Companies’ upcoming Carbon Plan stakeholder engagement process as contemplated by Part I, Section 1.(1) of Session Law 2021-165 (“HB 951”) and the Commission’s November 19, 2021 *Order Requiring Filing of Carbon Plan and Establishing Procedural Deadlines* (“Carbon Plan Procedural Order”). The Carbon Plan Procedural Order, among other things, directs the Companies to conduct at least three stakeholder meetings before filing the Companies’ proposed Carbon Plan for the purpose of gathering and incorporating stakeholder input on the Carbon Plan.

The Companies hereby notify the Commission and interested stakeholders that the first Carbon Plan stakeholder meeting will be held virtually on January 25, 2022. Given the anticipated system-wide focus of the Carbon Plan, stakeholders from both North Carolina and South Carolina will be invited to these stakeholder meetings. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with additional time reserved for discussion as needed. The second and third stakeholder meetings are tentatively planned to be held during the week of February 21 and the week of March 21. Details regarding these future meetings will be provided closer to the actual meeting dates. Additional stakeholder meetings may also be scheduled as needed.

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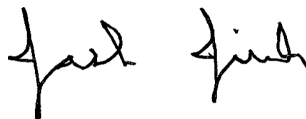
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To facilitate the stakeholder meetings, the Companies have engaged a third-party facilitator, Great Plains Institute (“GPI”). Doug Scott, Vice President of Electricity and Efficiency, and Trevor Drake, Senior Program Manager, will be the lead facilitators for GPI. Collectively, Mr. Scott and Mr. Drake have run a variety of stakeholder engagement processes to inform the development of utility proposals, regulatory proceedings, and state plans related to carbon dioxide emissions reductions. Topics from past projects include integrated resource planning, power plant host community impacts, time-varying rate designs, electric vehicle investments and programs, distribution system planning, load flexibility and demand response programs, and utility performance metrics.

The Companies look forward to engaging with interested stakeholders on the Carbon Plan and the Companies’ system-wide resource planning process. Interested stakeholders may contact GPI at [DukeCarbonPlan@gpisd.net](mailto:DukeCarbonPlan@gpisd.net) to receive future communications about the upcoming stakeholder process.

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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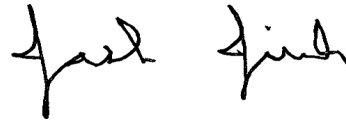
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cc: Parties of Record

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Update on Carbon Plan Stakeholder Process, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



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