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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for

**Extension** 

Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095D; E-7, Sub 1100D and G-9, Sub 682D

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets is Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for an Extension of Time to file Final Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosure** 

cc: Parties of Record

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

|  | ) | JOINT MOTION DT DUKE      |
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| In the Matter of                             | ) | ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC,    |
| Application of Third-Party Independent       | ) | DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS,     |
| Audit for Affiliate Transactions Pursuant to | ) | LLC, PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS |
| Regulatory Condition No. 5.8.                | ) | COMPANY, INC., AND THE    |
|  | ) | PUBLIC STAFF FOR AN       |
|  | ) | EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE |
|  | ) | FINAL REPORT              |
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NOW COMES Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (collectively, the "Duke utilities") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission"), and moves the Commission for a one-week extension of time, through and including July 30, 2020 for the Public Staff to file its final report on the independent third-party audit of affiliate transactions under Regulatory Condition No. 5.8 as provided for in the Commission's *Order Approving Affiliate Procedural Schedule*, issued in the above-captioned dockets on March 26, 2020. In support of the foregoing, the Company shows the Commission the following:

1. On February 24, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Approving Auditor* and *Requiring Procedural Schedule* in the above-captioned dockets. The Order approved the Public Staff's recommendation that Schumaker & Company (Schumaker) be selected as the third-party, independent auditor to conduct an audit of the affiliate transactions by

the Duke utilities. Further, the Order requested that the Public Staff and Duke utilities confer and file a proposed procedural schedule for the audit.

- 2. On March 17, 2020, the Public Staff and Duke utilities jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule calling for (1) the audit to commence on Monday, March 23, 2020, (2) Schumaker to provide its draft report to the Public Staff by Thursday, June 25, 2020, and (3) the Public Staff to file its final report with the Commission by Thursday, July 23, 2020.
- 3. The audit commenced as scheduled and has now been completed. Schumaker has provided a preliminary draft report for review by the Duke utilities to ensure that the data included is accurate and that confidential information is protected from public disclosure. The Duke utilities are currently working with Schumaker to finalize the draft report so that Schumaker may provide it to the Public Staff for its final review before filing.
- 4. To ensure that there is sufficient time to review the draft report before filing the final version, the Duke utilities and the Public Staff jointly request that the Commission extend the deadline for filing the final report with the Commission, from Thursday, July 23, 2020 until no later than Thursday, July 30, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the Duke utilities and the Public Staff jointly respectfully request that the Commission grant this Motion for an extension of time, through and including July 30, 2020, for the Public Staff to file the final report with the Commission and such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

## Respectfully submitted, this the 21st day of July 2020.

#### **DUKE UTILITIES**

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Joint Motion for Extension of Time, submitted in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095D, E-7, Sub 1100D, and G-9, Sub 682D, has been served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 21st day of July 2020.

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