

July 31, 2023

**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 Interconnection Customer Participation in Energy  
Storage System Retrofit Process  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 101  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 158**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) hereby submit this update to the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) regarding the status of energy storage system retrofit (“ESS Retrofit”) project applications and Notice of Commitment (“NOC”) forms for ESS Retrofit projects.

Pursuant to the Commission’s May 12, 2022 *Order Granting Waivers to Implement Energy Storage System Expedited Study Process and Approving Process to Establish Eligibility of Avoided Cost Rates for Retrofit Energy Storage Systems* in the above captioned dockets, the Companies were directed to file a report with the Commission on March 1, 2023 addressing “total number of ESS Retrofit NOC forms that have been submitted and the status of those projects.”<sup>1</sup> Given that the Companies had not received any ESS Retrofit project applications or NOC forms for ESS Retrofit projects, the Companies requested an extension of up to and including July 31, 2023 to file the report.<sup>2</sup> In the extension request, the Companies explained that the 2023 definitive interconnection system impact study (“DISIS”) request window closed on June 29, 2023<sup>3</sup> and that the

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<sup>1</sup> *Order Granting Waivers to Implement Energy Storage System Expedited Study Process and Approving Process to Establish Eligibility of Avoided Cost Rates for Retrofit Energy Storage Systems* at 5, Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 101, E-100, Sub 158 (May 12, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s and Duke Energy Progress, LLC’s Motion For Extension of Time*, at 2, Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 101, E-100, Sub 158 (Feb. 21, 2023) (“Motion for Extension”).

<sup>3</sup> See North Carolina Interconnection Procedures § 4.4.1 (“The Utility shall accept Interconnection Requests during the “DISIS Request Window.” A DISIS Request Window shall open annually on January 1 and shall

Companies will be better suited to provide the update on ESS Retrofit project applications and NOC forms at that time.<sup>4</sup> The Commission granted the Companies' extension and extended the deadline to file the report to July 31, 2023.<sup>5</sup>

The Companies have not received any ESS Retrofit project applications or NOC forms for ESS Retrofit projects as of the filing of this update letter. The Companies therefore request the Commission to accept this update letter as their report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/E. Brett Breitschwerdt

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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remain open for 180 Calendar Days, or through the following Business Day if the 180th day falls on a weekend or a NERC recognized holiday.”).

<sup>4</sup> Motion for Extension at 2.

<sup>5</sup> *Order Granting Extension*, Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 101, E-100, Sub 158 (Feb. 27, 2023).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing *Update on Interconnection Customer Participation in Energy Storage System Retrofit Process* as filed in Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 101 and E-100, Sub 158 were served electronically upon all parties of record.

This, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

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