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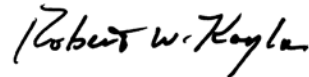
**RE: Joint Motion by Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress,
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, and the Public Staff for Procedural
Schedule
Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1100D, E-2, Sub 1095D and G-9, Sub 682D**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed is a Joint Motion by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission for Procedural Schedule, for filing in the above-referenced dockets.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Kaylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

In the Matter of

)	JOINT MOTION BY DUKE ENERGY
)	CAROLINAS, DUKE ENERGY
Third-Party Independent Audits of)	PROGRESS, PIEDMONT NATURAL
Affiliate Transactions Pursuant to)	GAS COMPANY, AND THE PUBLIC
Regulatory Condition No. 5.8)	STAFF FOR PROCEDURAL
)	SCHEDULE

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) (collectively, the “Duke Utilities”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) (collectively, the “Movants”) and, pursuant to Commission Rule R1-7 in the above-captioned docket, respectfully move the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) to adopt the proposed procedural schedule set forth below. In support of this motion, the Movants show the following:

1. On January 15, 2020, pursuant to subsection (b) of Regulatory Condition No. 5.8, as approved in the Commission’s *Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct*, dated September 29, 2016 in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682, the Public Staff proposed that Schumaker & Company (“Schumaker”) be chosen as the third-party, independent auditor for the audit of certain affiliate matters involving DEC, DEP and Piedmont.

2. On January 24, 2020, the Commission issued an Order allowing other parties the opportunity to file comments and propose additional auditors by February 10, 2020. No comments were filed.

3. On February 24, 2020, the Commission issued an Order selecting Schumaker as the third-party, independent auditor and requested that the Public Staff and the Duke Utilities file a proposed schedule for the audit, including the filing of the auditor's final report.

4. On March 17, 2020, the Public Staff and the Duke Utilities filed a proposed schedule for the audit, which the Commission approved on March 26, 2020, setting a deadline of July 23, 2020 for the auditor's final report.

5. On July 21, 2020, the Public Staff and the Duke Utilities filed a joint motion for an extension of time for the Public Staff to file the Schumaker audit report, which was granted by Commission Order dated July 22, 2020.

6. On July 28, 2020, the Public Staff filed the Final Report on the Affiliate Audit of the Duke Utilities by Schumaker (the "audit report").

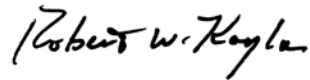
7. Based on past procedure with respect to audits pursuant to Regulatory Condition No. 5.8, the Duke Utilities and the Public Staff are filing a proposed procedural schedule that provides an opportunity for the Duke Utilities, the Public Staff, and Schumaker to discuss the recommendations in the audit report, reach agreement where possible on the audit report recommendations; for the Duke Utilities and the Public Staff to file a statement, or separate statements, detailing their points of agreement and disagreement; for all interested parties to file comments on the audit report recommendations and the statements filed by the Duke Utilities and the Public Staff; and for all parties to file proposed orders.

8. The Movants propose the following procedural schedule:

Action	Due Date
Duke Utilities provide Public Staff a list of issues in contention and issues in agreement	September 14, 2020
Duke Utilities, Public Staff and Schumaker discuss recommendations in the audit report, reaching agreement where possible	October 14, 2020
Duke Utilities and Public Staff file statement or separate statements detailing points of agreement and disagreement	November 4, 2020
Petitions to Intervene	November 12, 2020
Initial Comments of any intervenors on audit recommendations and statements filed by Duke Utilities and Public Staff	November 24, 2020
Reply Comments on statements by Public Staff, Duke Utilities and intervenors	December 15, 2020
Proposed orders	January 12, 2021

WHEREFORE, the Movants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order approving the proposed procedural schedule, and such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 25th day of August, 2020.



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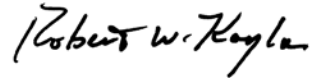
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Joint Motion by Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, and the Public Staff for Procedural Schedule, in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1100D, E-2, Sub 1095D and G-9, Sub 682D, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 25th day of August, 2020.



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