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Ms. Kim Campbell, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Dobbs Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Re: Request for New Public Hearing on Woodfin Solar Project

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1257

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On behalf of MountainTrue and the Sierra Club, I write to request that the Commission schedule a new remote hearing for public witness testimony on the application by Duke Energy Progress (DEP) for the Woodfin Solar Project in the above-captioned docket. MountainTrue and the Sierra Club have not sought to intervene in the present docket; however, they intervened and participated actively in the docket related to the Western Carolinas Modernization Project (Docket No. E-2, Sub 1089) in which the Commission encouraged DEP to pursue certification of 15 MW of solar in its Western Region. The Woodfin Solar Project is part of DEP's fulfillment of its commitment to the community and to the Commission.

In making this request, I recognize that the public hearing originally scheduled on October 8, 2020 was cancelled due to lack of registration. At that time, however, the Public Staff had not yet filed testimony opposing the project. As evidenced by the numerous consumer statements of position filed since that time, there is significant interest in the Woodfin Solar Project among members of the public, many of whom are ratepayers of DEP. Accordingly, MountainTrue and the Sierra Club respectfully request that the Commission schedule a new remote hearing to hear public witness testimony in this docket.

We are providing a copy of this letter to all parties of record. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, s/ Gudrun Thompson

cc: Parties of Record