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5. Each of the Tech Customers is a provider of online services and products.

In connection with these business operations, the Tech Customers, through their respective affiliates, own and operate data centers and related infrastructure in the service territory of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC (“DEC”).

6. Data centers are high load factor facilities that use energy on a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week basis. Each of the data centers owned and operated by the Tech Customers in DEC’s service territory use electricity sold by DEC in the operation of its electric power and energy generation, transmission and distribution facilities.

7. The availability of an adequate supply of electricity at a reasonable rate is critically important to the viability of the Tech Customers’ data center operations. DEC’s plan under consideration in this proceeding will affect both the reliability and the rates associated with DEC’s sale of electricity to each of the Petitioners going forward.

8. Each of the Tech Customers has a direct, substantial and vital interest in the matters at issue that cannot be adequately represented by any other party and should be permitted to intervene and participate as parties to this proceeding.

9. The Tech Customers agree to accept electronic service of all filings in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Tech Customers respectfully request that the Commission enter an order allowing them to intervene and fully participate in the above-captioned proceeding, including the right to discovery and to otherwise exercise all statutory rights provided to intervenors under North Carolina law.

Respectfully submitted, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.



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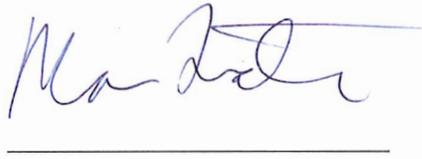
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VERIFICATION

Marcus W. Trathen, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the attorney for the Tech Customers; that he has read the foregoing Petition to Intervene and that the same is true of his personal knowledge, except as to any matters and thing therein stated on information and belief, and as to those, he believes them to be true; and that he is authorized to sign this verification on behalf of the Tech Customers.

This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.



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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2020.



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Notary Public

Commission Expires: APRIL 9, 2022

WALTER L. TIPPETT, JR.  
Notary Public, North Carolina  
Wake County  
My Commission Expires  
April 09, 2022

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Petition to Intervene of Tech Customers* has been served this day upon all parties of record in this proceeding, or their legal counsel, by electronic mail or by delivery to the United States Post Office, first-class postage pre-paid.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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