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The Honorable Edward S. Finley, Jr.
Chairman, North Carolina Utilities Commission
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RE: Retirement of Progress Energy Carolinas' Weatherspoon Coal Units –
Docket No. E-100, Sub 128

Dear Chairman Finley:

In Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.'s ("PEC") Plan to Retire 550 MWs of Coal Fired Generation Without SO₂ Controls filed December 1, 2009, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 960 and its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed December 18, 2009, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 968, PEC advised the Commission that it intends to retire its Cape Fear and Weatherspoon coal-fired generating facilities during the 2013 to 2017 timeframe. In PEC's 2010 Integrated Resource Plan PEC indicates that it intends to retire its Weatherspoon and Cape Fear coal units by December 31, 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Commission that PEC has determined that the Weatherspoon coal units should be retired on October 1, 2011. As described in PEC's previous letters dated November 19, 2009 and January 19, 2010, regarding the Lee, Sutton, Cape Fear and Weatherspoon coal units, the Weatherspoon units will be retired in accordance with the procedures for normal retirements of electric plant. PEC intends to complete a new depreciation study on or before March 31, 2013. The remaining unrecovered balance of the Lee, Sutton, Cape Fear, and Weatherspoon units will be explicitly addressed in that study. Prior to filing the study with the Commission, PEC will consult with the Public Staff regarding the appropriate amortization period to use for that unrecovered balance.

Sincerely,

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