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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

October 13, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-7, Sub 1276 – Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for  
Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North  
Carolina and Performance Based Regulation

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Per the Commission's request during the Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) rate case evidentiary hearing on August 31, 2023, enclosed for filing on behalf of the Public Staff is Public Staff Late-Filed Exhibit No. 1. Public Staff Late-Filed Exhibit No. 1 is a breakdown of DEC's COVID deferral, updated through June 2023, into the same categories included on Page 23, Line 9 of DEC's COVID Panel's Rebuttal Testimony.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record, or to the attorneys of record for those parties, by electronic delivery.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted  
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Public Staff Late-Filed Exhibit No. 1

Line No.	Category	Company's exhibit in Rebuttal, Page 23 (Costs thru June 2023)		Public Staff Direct Testimony, Same categories as Company (Costs thru April 2023)		Public Staff Supplemental and Settlement Testimony, Same categories as Company (Costs thru June 2023)	
		\$ in Thousands	% of total	\$ in Thousands	% of total	\$ in Thousands	% of total
1	Customer fees waived	\$45,709	28.6%	\$45,709	26.8%	\$45,709	28.6%
2	Bad debt expense	99,910	62.6%	110,567	64.8%	99,910	62.6%
3	Employee safety related costs	7,328	4.6%	7,327	4.3%	7,328	4.6%
4	Costs for remote work	891	0.6%	891	0.5%	891	0.6%
5	Employee stipends	1,145	0.7%	1,145	0.7%	1,145	0.7%
6	Other (primarily call center costs)	4,617	2.9%	5,047	3.0%	4,617	2.9%
7	Total Incremental COVID-19 Costs deferred (sum L1 through L6)	\$159,600	100.0%	\$170,687	100.0%	\$159,600	100.0%
8	Accrued carrying costs	23,301		23,698		23,301	
9	COVID Deferral projected balance as of rates effective (L7 + L8)	<u>\$182,901</u>		<u>\$194,385</u>		<u>\$182,901</u>	

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing on all parties of record or to the attorney of record of such party in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 13th day of October, 2023.

Electronically submitted  
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