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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Carolina, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's  
Motion to Withdraw Joint Petition  
Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1259 and E-2, Sub 1283**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets, please find Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Motion to Withdraw Joint Petition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jack E. Jirak

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

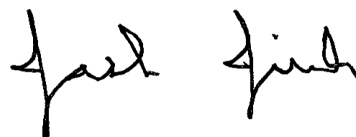
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Motion to Withdraw Joint Petition, in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1259 and E-2, Sub 1283, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to parties of record.

This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

Handwritten signature of Jack E. Jirak in black ink.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1259  
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1283

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	<b>DUKE ENERGY</b>
Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	)	<b>CAROLINAS, LLC AND</b>
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Request	)	<b>DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS,</b>
the Commission to Hold a Joint Hearing with	)	<b>LLC MOTION TO</b>
the Public Service Commission of South	)	<b>WITHDRAW JOINT</b>
Carolina to Develop Carbon Plan	)	<b>PETITION</b>
	)	

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NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and, together with DEC, “Duke Energy” or the “Companies”), pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Commission”), and hereby move the Commission to allow the withdrawal, without prejudice, of the Companies’ November 9, 2021 Petition in the above-captioned dockets (“Petition”) to hold a joint proceeding with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “PSCSC”) to develop the initial plan to achieve the least cost path to meet HB 951’s authorized carbon reduction goals (“Carbon Plan”).

After reflecting on certain stakeholders’ objections to the requested joint proceeding between the Commission and the PSCSC, the Companies have determined that it is appropriate at this time to withdraw the Petition, so that the uncertainties and challenges regarding the procedural aspects of the joint proceeding do not distract from the more critical goal of encouraging coordination between South Carolina and North Carolina on planning the energy transition to meet the needs of its customers in both states.

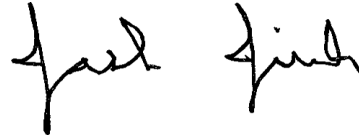
Duke Energy has operated a dual-state system across North Carolina and South Carolina for over a century, and this model is the most optimal and efficient way to provide reliable, efficient, and increasingly clean energy to its customers at affordable rates. The goal of the Companies in seeking a joint proceeding, as allowed under North Carolina law, was to provide a formal forum in which all stakeholders would have a seat at the table to discuss resource planning issues of critical importance to the future of both states. For decades, the Commission and the PSCSC have overseen Duke Energy's dual-state planned and operated utility systems. The benefits of this dual planning and multi-state operations speak for themselves: reliable and safe electric service; rates below national averages; and, a relatively low carbon intensity fleet—including nation-leading amounts of nuclear and solar generation located in North Carolina and South Carolina. Together, these features constitute a strong foundation upon which to continue providing increasingly clean energy to customers in North Carolina and to attract new customers with clean energy goals, thereby maintaining the state's competitive advantage in economic development.

As was explained in the Companies' Reply Comments, although the requested joint proceeding was a unique and novel procedural path, the intended outcome—continuing to work together to deliver the benefits of dual-state planning to the Companies' customers in South Carolina and North Carolina—is not new at all, but is instead a continuation of the dual-system planning and operation that has benefitted customers in the Carolinas for generations. If the benefits of dual-state planning and operation are to be maintained, then coordination between the states is essential in planning for future resources on a least cost and reliable basis.

However, because the procedural complexities presented by the potential joint proceeding have, in some cases, prevented stakeholders from focusing on the important resource planning issues that the Companies sought to address through the joint proceeding, it has become apparent to the Companies that the potential benefits of the joint proceeding are unlikely to be realized. Accordingly, although the Companies intend to eventually file the Carolinas Carbon Plan in South Carolina to ensure transparency in this process, the Companies hereby request to withdraw the Petition, without prejudice to future requests for the Commission to engage in coordinated joint planning efforts with the PSCSC for the benefit of customers in both States. The Companies will continue to encourage stakeholders in South Carolina to seek to participate in the proceedings in North Carolina as the Carolinas Carbon Plan is being developed and evaluated. The Companies also intend to continue to engage South Carolina stakeholders on the Carolinas Carbon Plan to ensure views from South Carolina are considered in this important matter. Finally, the Companies will also address the benefits of continued dual-state planning in its initial Carbon Plan filing and will further be prepared to provide additional details regarding less optimal planning approaches in the event that alignment cannot be achieved.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully move that the Commission allow for the withdrawal of the Petition.

Respectfully submitted this, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



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