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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Dobbs Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Re: In the Matter of: Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plans of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.9 and § 62-110.1(c) (Docket No. E-100, Sub 190)

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On behalf of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively, SACE, *et al.*), along with the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket, please find the public, non-confidential versions of the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of: James F. Wilson, Maria Roumpani, and Michael Goggin as well as the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Jake Duncan, which contains no confidential information. Confidential versions of the testimony of witnesses Wilson, Roumpani, and Goggin are also being filed separately under seal.

I am serving a copy of the same on the parties of record.

In addition, consistent with the Commission's February 21, 2024 Order Establishing Additional Procedures for Expert Witness Hearing SACE, *et al.* submit their proposed index of Designated Issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ David Neal</u>Senior AttorneySouthern Environmental Law Center

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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