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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC REPS Cost Recovery Rider and 2017
Compliance Report – Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused
Docket No. E-7, 1162**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kendrick C. Fentress'.

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1162

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS
LLC. for Approval of Renewable Energy)	LLC'S AND PUBLIC STAFF'S
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)	JOINT MOTION FOR WITNESSES
(REPS) Compliance Report and Cost)	TO BE EXCUSED FROM
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.)	APPEARANCE AT
62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)	EVIDENTIARY HEARING

NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or "Company") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the June 5, 2018 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this joint motion, DEP and the Public Staff show as follows:

1. DEC witnesses have pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits as well as supplemental testimony and exhibits and additional supplement testimony and exhibits in support of the Company's application in this docket.

2. The Public Staff's witnesses have filed affidavits recommending approval of the Company's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) Compliance Report, rates, and proposed exchange of renewable energy certificates ("RECs").

3. Counsel for DEC has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of all of the Company's witnesses and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record. Additionally, all the parties to this docket have consented to waive

cross-examination of the Public Staff's affiants and offer no objection to the introduction of their affidavits into the record.

WHEREFORE, DEC and the Public Staff respectfully request that all of the witnesses be excused from appearing at the June 5, 2018 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits and affidavits of the respective witnesses and affiants be received into the evidence and made part of the record in this matter. The Public Staff has authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on its behalf.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of May, 2018.



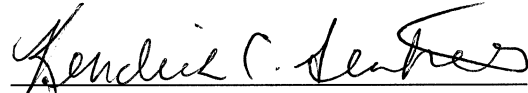
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and the Public Staff's Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1162, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the parties of record.

This is the 29th day of May, 2018.



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