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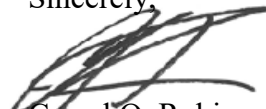
**Re: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Issuance of Storm Recovery Financing Orders
Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1243 and E-2, Sub 1262**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Companies") please find the Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

the benefit of the Companies' customers. The Companies further requested that the Commission find that their storm recovery costs and related financing costs are appropriately financed by debt secured by storm recovery property, and that the Commission issue orders for DEC and DEP by which each utility may accomplish such financing using a securitization structure authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-172 ("Financing Orders"), so that the Companies may recover their prudently incurred storm recovery costs ("Joint Petition").

2. On November 6, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, and Establishing Discovery Guidelines*.

3. On December 17, 2020, CIGFUR II and III filed a Petition to Intervene.

4. On December 18, 2020, the Commission granted CIGFUR's Petition to Intervene.

5. On December 21, 2020, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of Joseph S. Fichera, William Moore, Calvin C. Craig, Barry M. Abramson, Steven Heller, Rebecca Klein, Brian A. Maher, Hyman Schoenblum, and Paul Sutherland. On that same day, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file the joint testimony of Michael C. Maness and Michelle M. Boswell.

6. On December 22, 2020, the Commission granted the Public Staff's Motion for Extension of Time and the Public Staff filed the joint testimony and exhibits of Michael C. Maness and Michelle M. Boswell.

7. On January 6, 2021 Public Staff filed corrections to the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Paul R. Sutherland, Steven Heller, Joseph S. Fichera, and the joint testimony of Michael C. Maness and Michelle M. Boswell.

8. On January 11, 2021 the Companies filed the rebuttal testimony witnesses Thomas J. Heath, Jr., Charles N. Atkins III, and Melissa Abernathy.

9. On January 13, 2021, the Public Staff filed a revised version of the Public Staff Direct Testimony Corrections filed on January 6, 2021.

10. On January 20, 2021, the Companies filed a Witness list indicated that no parties to the proceeding had cross-examination for Companies witnesses Shana W. Angers and Jonathan L. Byrd and Public Staff witness Calvin C. Craig.

11. On January 25, 2021, the Companies filed a Notice of Billing Compliance Procedure and the Affidavit and Supporting Exhibits of Jonathan L. Byrd. On that same day, the Companies also filed an Errata to Jonathan L. Byrd's direct testimony.

12. On January 27, 2021, the Companies and the Public Staff filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement.

13. No other parties have intervened in this proceeding.

14. For purposes of the present proceeding, the Joint Parties are in agreement regarding the Companies' proposed changes to DEC and DEP's retail electric rate schedules, the quantified effect of these proposed changes on DEC and DEP's North Carolina retail customers, the implementation plan of the storm recovery charges, and the proposed storm recovery charge tariff sheets as presented in Companies witness Byrd's direct testimony. Joint Parties are also in agreement regarding the Companies' proposed True-Up Mechanism and accounting entries for storm recovery financing as presented in the direct testimony of Companies witness Angers. Moreover, Joint Movants agree upon DEP's temporary billing compliance procedure as presented in the affidavit of Companies witness Byrd. Thus, Joint Movants have reached agreement on all issues addressed by

Companies witnesses Byrd and Angers and Public Staff witness Craig for purposes of this proceeding, and Joint Movants agree to waive cross-examination of these witnesses.

15. For purposes of the present proceeding, Joint Parties have reached an agreement on the length of the bond period of between, and inclusive of eighteen (18) and twenty (20) year period from the date of the issuance, as discussed in the testimony of Public Staff witness Craig.

16. Counsel for CIGFUR did not indicate any cross-examination for Companies witnesses Byrd and Angers or Public Staff witness Craig and has indicated that it does not object to this motion to excuse.

17. Accordingly, Joint Movants request that Companies witnesses Byrd and Angers and Public Staff witness Craig be excused from appearing at the hearing scheduled for January 28, 2020, unless the Commission has questions for them.

18. Joint Movants further request that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavit of Companies witnesses Byrd and Angers and Public Staff witness Craig be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

THEREFORE, Joint Movants respectfully move:

1. That the Commission excuse Companies witnesses Jonathan L. Byrd and Shana W. Angers from appearing at the hearing on January 28, 2021, unless the Commission has questions for any of these witnesses

2. That the Commission excuse Public Staff witness Calvin C. Craig from appearing at the hearing on January 28, 2021, unless the Commission has questions for any of these witnesses

3. That the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavit of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

4. That the Commission grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this, the 27th day January, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses as filed in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1243 and E-2, Sub 1262, were served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 27th day of January, 2021.

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