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Ms. Kimberley A Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building, Fifth Floor
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

RE: Duke Energy Progress' and Duke Energy Carolina jointly submitted 2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. E-100, Sub 165

Dear Chair Mitchell and Commission Members:

Cary respectfully submits the following comments on the Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolina 2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed on September 3, 2020. As Cary embarks on a comprehensive effort to address the impacts of climate change and associated weather variability on its citizens, we recognize the integral role Duke Energy plays in our efforts.

To that end, Cary has accelerated our work to understand and act on energy source emissions, particularly in the operation of buildings and transportation. In these efforts, Cary appreciates the close working relationship with Duke Energy and neighboring jurisdictions as we collectively address this global issue.

In the past two years, Cary's Environmental Advisory Board created Carbon Emissions Reduction Recommendations for Cary, and Cary commissioned a community-wide baseline report. This work was completed in mid-2020, allowing Council and Staff to strategically focus our efforts. Since commercial buildings, residential buildings, and transportation constitute nearly all of the carbon emission sources in Cary, Duke Energy's role is essential to this work. In fact, 40% of carbon emissions generated in Cary come from electricity.

Cary participates in and supports statewide efforts to transition to clean energy. Cary also recognizes that Duke's IRP is a required planning document that looks out many years despite uncertainties relative to future regulation, advanced technologies, as well as research and development of carbon-free electric generation. Specific to this IRP and to the work of the Utilities Commission and Duke Energy, Cary supports innovative approaches, excellence in service provision, public private partnerships, and legislation to advance a future of carbon free electric generation. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at sean.stegall@townofcary.org or Danna Widmar at danna.widmar@townofcary.org.

Sincerely,

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