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**Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Amendment to Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement with NCSEA/NCJC et al.
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I enclose the Amendment to Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement between Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, the North Carolina Justice Center, the North Carolina Housing Coalition, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (collectively, the "NCSEA/NCJC et al.") for filing in connection with the referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	Amendment to
For Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable)	Agreement and Stipulation
To Electric Service in North Carolina)	of Settlement

This Amendment to Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement is entered into this 10th day of August 2020 by and between Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DE Carolinas” or the “Company”) and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (“NCSEA”), the North Carolina Justice Center (“NCJC”), the North Carolina Housing Coalition, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (collectively, the “NCSEA/NCJC et al.”) (and together with DEC, the “Settling Parties”).

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2019, DE Carolinas filed an application for a general rate increase with the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214 (the “Docket”) that included a proposal for a Grid Improvement Plan (“GIP”) and a deferral of associated costs for future cost recovery;

WHEREAS, NCSEA/NCJC et al. have intervened in the Docket and, in pre-filed testimony, NCSEA/NCJC et al. addressed issues on the Company’s grid modernization efforts, including the Company’s specific Grid Improvement Plan proposals, affordability of electric service for DEC’s customers, as well as rate designs, policies and programs to improve affordability, the Company’s Prepaid Advantage proposal, and new rate designs specifically targeting electric vehicle charging both in the residential and commercial context; and

WHEREAS, DE Carolinas and NCSEA/NCJC et al. filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement on July 23, 2020 (“July 23, 2020 Agreement”);

WHEREAS DE Carolinas and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission filed a Second Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement on July 31, 2020, which among other items stipulated to a Return on Equity of 9.6%; and

WHEREAS, DE Carolinas and NCSEA/NCJC et al. wish to make changes in Paragraph II of the July 23, 2020 Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual commitments and promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Settling Parties do hereby mutually agree and consent to the amendment of the July 23, 2020 Agreement, which Agreement is hereby modified effective as of the date set forth above in the following respects only:

- II. The Stipulating Parties agree that the revenues to be approved in this proceeding should be adjusted to provide the Company, through sound management, the opportunity to earn a return on equity (“ROE”) of 9.75%. The Stipulating Parties further agree that this ROE should be applied to the common equity component of the ratemaking capital structure consisting of 52% equity and 48% long-term debt. Notwithstanding the terms of this paragraph, to the extent that the North Carolina Utilities Commission enters a final order in this docket approving an ROE of 9.6% to be applied to a common equity component of the ratemaking capital structure consisting of 52% equity and 48% long-term debt, the Stipulating Parties agree that the provisions of this Paragraph II shall have been fulfilled.

Except as expressly modified herein, the July 23, 2020 Agreement between the Settling Parties shall remain in full force and effect and is hereby ratified and affirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed and executed as of the date set forth above.

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

By: */s/ Stephen G. De May*

**THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER
THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION
THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
THE SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY**

By: _____

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION

By: 

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed and executed as of the date set forth above.

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By:  _____

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION

By: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Amendment to Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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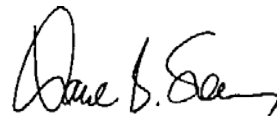
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