STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 101

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Generator Interconnection Standard,) ORDER REGARDING DUKE
Tariffs and Contract Forms) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
) WITH GENERATION
) INTERCONNECTION
) CUSTOMERS

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 29, 2016, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, (collectively Duke), jointly filed for informational purposes a Settlement Agreement among Duke and seven solar developers representing 33 generation interconnection customers.

On September 8, 2016, the Commission issued an Order directing Duke to answer questions attached to the Order by September 22, 2016. The Public Staff was also requested to file comments as indicated in the Order and any other matters raised by the Settlement Agreement.

On September 16, 2016, Strata Solar, LLC, (Strata Solar) filed a petition to intervene and file comments that was granted by Order dated September 21, 2016.

On September 22, 2016, O2 EMC, LLC, (O2 EMC) filed a petition to intervene and to allow responses to answers Duke provides to the questions posed in the September 8, 2016 Order.

Duke filed its response on September 22, 2016, to the questions included in the September 8, 2016 Order. The Public Staff and Strata Solar each filed comments on that same date.

On September 23, 2016, O2 EMC filed a supplement to its petition to intervene.

On September 28, 2016, the Commission issued an Order granting the petition of O2 EMC to intervene but denying their request to file comments in response to DEP and DEC.

On October 11, 2016, O2 EMC filed a supplemental request to file comments, as well as providing such comments to responses to certain questions posed in Appendix A of the Commission's Order dated September 8, 2016.

The Commission finds the comments and answers to questions are complete and responsive to the Order. The Commission also finds that the Settlement Agreement among Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and the settling interconnection customers does not create a need for the Interconnection Standard to be revised. The Commission is satisfied that Duke is taking appropriate steps to ensure electric service to retail customers is not degraded due to the operations of newly interconnected generation facilities. Therefore, the Commission finds there is no need for additional action at this time.

The Commission is of the opinion that good cause exists to accept the comments of O2 EMC, LLC, included in its Second Supplement to Petition to Intervene and Request for Leave to File Comments dated October 11, 2016.

The Commission recognizes that the Settlement Agreement required parties to mutually agree to specific additional language not included in the Commission-approved North Carolina Interconnection Procedures (NCIP). In the future, similar language or details shall not be presented as revisions to the NCIP but rather additional terms and conditions. The Commission concludes that all changes to the Interconnection Standard approved in Docket E-100, Sub 101 shall be presented to the Commission for review and approval.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>1st</u> day of November, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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