

Mr. Sam Watson General Counsel North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

May 26, 2017

Dear Mr. Watson,

NCSEA verifies that it has received your letter dated May 25, 2017 that includes notice of the potential conflict in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1131 regarding Chairman Finley's role on the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute. NCSEA agrees that the potential conflict is neither substantial nor material and that Chairman Finley may participate in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peter H. Ledford

Peter H. Ledford General Counsel



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that all persons on the docket service list have been served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Letter Regarding Conflict of Interest by hand delivery, first class mail deposited in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, or by email transmission with the party's consent.

This the 26th day of May, 2017.

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