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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

RE: Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1142 and E-7, Sub 1146 **Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC Notification of Coal Inventory Report Status**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

On February 23, 2018, the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued its Order Accepting Stipulations, Deciding Contested Issues and Granting Partial *Rate Increase* in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142. Ordering paragraph 13 states "[t]hat on or before December 31, 2018, the Company and the Public Staff shall complete an analysis showing the appropriate coal inventory level given market and generation changes since the Company's last rate case in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1023." Further, on June 22, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Accepting Stipulations Deciding Contested Issues, and Requiring Revenue Reduction in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146. Ordering paragraph 15 states "[t]hat on or before March 31, 2019, the Company, in consultation with the Public Staff, shall complete an analysis showing the appropriate coal inventory level given market and generation changes since the Company's rate case in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1026."

As previously communicated to the Commission, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" and together with DEP, "Duke") determined that to ensure consistency of the studies between DEP and DEC, both studies should be completed in parallel by the same independent consultant. The Public Staff agreed with this approach.

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While the Commission did not require these studies to be filed, Duke and the Public Staff desire to keep the Commission informed of the status of reports. On March 29, 2019, Duke filed a notice in the above captioned dockets describing the intent of the parties to complete the reports on or prior to April 30, 2019. However, due to the need to conduct further technical analysis and certain other circumstances outside of the control of the parties, the reports were not completed by April 30, 2019. Both Duke and the Public Staff are working diligently to facilitate the completion of the studies and currently anticipate that both studies will be complete by May 31, 2019.

Counsel for the Public Staff has authorized to Duke to file this letter on behalf of both parties.

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

Sincerely,

Robert W. Koyla

Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the Notification of Coal Inventory Report Status of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1142 and E-7, Sub 1146 has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to parties of record.

This the 1st day of May, 2019.

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