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North Carolina Utilities Commission
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**RE: 2017 Smart Grid Technology Plan - Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
Supplemental Information
Docket No. E-100, Sub 147**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

I write on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") to update the Commission on the Company's plans for a full scale deployment of AMI meters in North Carolina. In the Company's October 2, 2017 Smart Grid Technology Plan ("SGTP") Update filed with the Commission in connection with the referenced matter, DEP informed the Commission that Duke Energy's Board of Directors had endorsed the DEP AMI deployment project; however, the outcome of regulatory considerations in the DEP general rate case in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142 ("DEP Rate Case") could affect the Company's timing to advance the project. DEP witness Donald L. Schneider, Jr. also testified to these timing considerations in his rebuttal testimony in the DEP Rate Case. DEP filed the supporting cost-benefit analysis for AMI meter deployment in the October 2, 2017 SGTP Update.

Since that time, the Company has considered the Commission's February 23, 2018 *Order Accepting Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues and Granting Partial Rate Increase* in the DEP Rate Case, as well as the Commission's March 7, 2018 *Order Accepting DENC's and DEC's SGTP Updates, Requiring Additional Information from DEP, and Directing DEC and DEP to Convene a Meeting Regarding Access to Customer Usage Data* in Docket No. E-100, Sub 147 ("2017 SGTP Order"). DEP is mindful of the Commission's request for additional AMI cost-benefit analysis in the 2017 SGTP Order and is in the process of compiling the requested information. Mr. Schneider also testified to the similar additional AMI cost-benefit analysis the Commission requested and

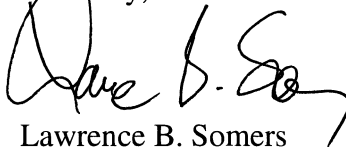
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considered from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") during the recently-concluded DEC general rate case hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

After careful consideration, and absent further direction or order from the Commission to the contrary, DEP has decided to move forward with the full scale deployment of AMI meters for the benefit of its North Carolina customers. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence B. Somers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lawrence B. Somers

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Supplemental Information – 2017 Smart Grid Technology Plan, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 147, 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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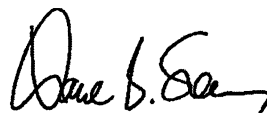
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This is the 11th day of April, 2018.

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