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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell  
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North Carolina Utilities Commission  
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**Re: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Issuance of Storm Recovery Financing Orders Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1243 and E-2, Sub 1262**

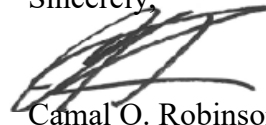
Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Companies") please find the Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Witnesses Thomas J. Heath, Jr., Charles N. Atkins II, and Melissa Abernathy.

Witness Heath's Rebuttal Exhibits 1 and 2 contain commercially sensitive information that should be protected from public disclosure. The information designated by the Companies as confidential qualifies as "trade secrets" under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-152(3). If this information were to be publicly disclosed, it would allow competitors, vendors, and other market participants to gain an undue advantage, which may ultimately result in harm and higher cost to customers. Portions of Exhibits 1 and 2 will be marked confidential and filed under seal under separate cover, and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2, the Companies request that these be protected from public disclosure.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Camal O. Robinson

Enclosures

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing public Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Witnesses Thomas J. Heath, Jr., Charles N. Atkins II, and Melissa Abernathy as filed in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1243 and E-2, Sub 1262, were served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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