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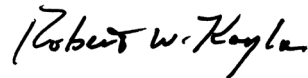
**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Motion to Excuse Witness  
Docket Nos. G-9, Subs 722, 781 and 786**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Motion to Excuse Witness Lee Mitchell from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722  
DOCKET NO. G-9 SUB 781  
DOCKET NO. G-9 SUB 786

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Consolidated Natural Gas Construction and Redelivery Services Agreement Between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	) ) ) ) )	<b>DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC’S MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESS LEE MITCHELL FROM APPEARANCE AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING</b>
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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) requests the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to issue an order excusing DEC expert witness H. Lee Mitchell, IV from testifying at the September 9, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this motion, DEC shows as follows:

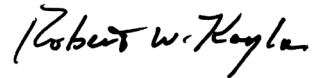
1. On August 11, 2021, DEC filed the direct testimony of H. Lee Mitchell, IV. Counsel for DEC has asked counsel for all parties to these dockets if any party planned to cross-examine DEC witness Mitchell, and no party has requested cross-examination time for Mr. Mitchell.

2. Accordingly, since all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEC witness Mitchell, there should be no reason for Mr. Mitchell to appear at the Evidentiary Hearing unless the Commission has questions for him.

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons set forth above, DEC respectfully requests that DEC witness H. Lee Mitchell, IV be excused from appearing at the September 9, 2021

hearing in these dockets and that his pre-filed direct testimony be received and made a part of the record in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



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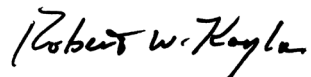
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Motion to Excuse Witness Lee Mitchell from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket Nos. G-9, Subs 722, 781 and 786, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



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