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Message

Thank you for supporting this docket for the Hot Springs energy storage and solar micro-grid project. I support clean energy projects for our community here in Western North Carolina.

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Statement of Position Submitted

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Message

Dear NCUC, I am writing from Green Built Alliance, an Asheville, NC based non-profit dedicated to advancing sustainability in the Built Environment. I serve on the Energy Innovation Task force with local government, business and Duke Energy Leaders. Our work together is setting the course for clean energy in our region. I am highly supportive on the Hot Springs microgrid, photovoltaic, and storage project. This project will support the town of Hot Springs and will also increase understanding within Duke and with local leaders about the technical needs to set up this type of project. The Hot Springs project is part Duke Energy's Western Carolina's Modernization Project, which involves on-going conversations with community partners to help advance a cleaner energy future for the region. It includes closing a half-century-old, coal-fired power plant in Asheville in 2019. The plant will be replaced with a cleaner natural gas-fired plant and distributed energy resources like solar power and battery storage. As the grid operator, Duke Energy can maximize the versatility of storage beyond storing and dispatching of energy to include other customer and system benefits such as system balancing and deferral of traditional grid upgrades. In the recent IRP, Duke Energy outlined plans to deploy \$500 million in battery storage projects in the Carolinas over the next 15 years – equal to about 300 megawatts of capacity. Combining battery storage from all utilities, North Carolina has only about 15 megawatts of battery storage capacity in operation, and far less in South Carolina. Projects like this one set the stage for meeting these goals. I hope you will consider approving this project. thank you, Sam Ruark-Eastes Executive Director Green Built Alliance

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