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March 13, 2019

Mr. Edward S. Finley, Jr., Chairman
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
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Dear Members of the North Carolina Utilities Commission:

I write to request an evidentiary hearing on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) of Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress.

In light of expert analysis regarding Duke Energy's 2018 IRP, I call for an evidentiary hearing to highlight the shortcomings of the IRP and to promote expert recommendations. One such disadvantage of Duke's IRP is that it does not leverage more renewables to diversify Duke's energy portfolio. This does not adequately reflect the scientific community's consensus of the urgent need to reduce global carbon emissions.

Furthermore, use of more renewable options can prove to be more economical for ratepayers over the long-term planning horizon. To promote ratepayer fairness, IRPs should take into account cost-efficiency. Expert modeling, produced by The Natural Resources Defense Council, demonstrates that Duke's IRP falls short in this endeavor.

Duke is proposing an IRP with 8% renewables and 5% energy efficiency by 2033, while the governor's executive order on climate calls for a 40% reduction in fossil fuel emissions by 2025. Duke clearly needs some expert assistance in achieving an IRP that is in keeping with the times. Please schedule an evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verla Insko".

Representative Verla Insko
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