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**VIA Electronic Filing**

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Dobbs Building  
430 North Salisbury Street  
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*Re: DEC/DEP Late-Filed Exhibit No. 15  
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214  
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219*

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Per the request of the North Carolina Utilities Commission during the consolidated portion of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies") evidentiary hearing, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings on behalf of the Companies is DEC/DEP Late-Filed Exhibit No. 15.

This late-filed exhibit contains 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.G.S. § 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. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 132-1.2, the Companies request that the information marked "Confidential" be protected from public disclosure. The Companies are filing DEC/DEP Late-Filed Exhibit No. 15 under seal and will make the confidential information available via DataSite1 to the parties to these proceedings who have executed a nondisclosure agreement with the Companies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing DEC/DEP Late-Filed Exhibit No. 15 filed in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1214 and E-2, Sub 1219, was served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, upon all parties of record who have executed a nondisclosure agreement with the Companies.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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