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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments
Docket No. E-100, Sub 165**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I enclose Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence B. Somers", written in a cursive style.

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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3. On December 29, 2020, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the date for initial comments on IRPs be extended from January 29, 2021 to February 26, 2021 and that the date for reply comments be extended from March 30, 2021 to April 27, 2021. The Commission granted the motion on January 8, 2021.

4. On February 26, the Attorney General's Office filed a motion requesting that the date for initial comments on IRPs be extended to March 1, 2021 and that the date for reply comments be extended to April 30, 2021.

5. Pursuant to the Commission's February 26, 2021 *Order Granting Second Extension of Time*, intervenors' initial comments were due to be filed by March 1, 2021, and reply comments are due to be filed by April 30, 2021.

6. Collectively, substantive initial intervenor comments and exhibits totaling approximately 2600 pages were served on the undersigned counsel by the Public Staff, the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, the Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Attorney General's Office, the Tech Customers, Vote Solar, the City of Charlotte, and the City of Asheville jointly with Buncombe County. Notably, certain parties filed extensive technical studies, and alternative proposals as exhibits to their comments.

7. The Companies are working diligently to evaluate these extensive comments and supporting exhibits. However, as detailed above, parties to this proceeding have filed voluminous comments including multiple technical studies and alternative proposals that are complex and require significant evaluation and, in certain cases, investigation through serving discovery to appropriately respond.

8. The Companies have served discovery requests on several intervenors regarding their initial comments and need additional time to receive intervenor discovery responses and prepare reply comments accordingly. The Companies' ability to effectively respond to these parties' comments and filings would be significantly impaired if the Companies are required to respond within the current timeframe allowed for reply comments.

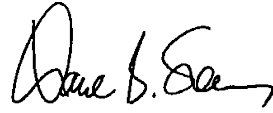
9. Furthermore, April 26, 2021 is the first day of the hearing in the IRP proceeding before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docket Nos. 2019-224-E and 2019-225-E, and many of the DEC and DEP employees who support the IRP docket in North Carolina are currently involved in preparations for the South Carolina hearing.

10. The Companies submit that no party will be prejudiced by the requested extension, and the duration of time requested is reasonable and proportional to the recent filings made in this docket, especially when compared to the extensions of time previously allowed for parties to file initial comments in the docket.

11. The undersigned counsel has contacted counsel for all parties of record regarding this motion via electronic mail, and as of the time of this filing has received responses from counsel for all parties except for Buncombe County. No counsel for any party who has responded has indicated any objection to the Companies' motion.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully request that the Commission grant their joint motion for a two-week extension of time through and including May 14, 2021 for all parties to file their reply comments, and grant such further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 16th day of April, 2021.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 165, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties of record

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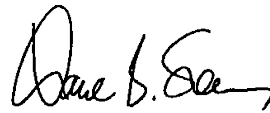
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