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Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

Re: Christian Coalition of North Carolina's Statement (Docket No. SP-100, Sub 31)

Dear North Carolina Utilities Commissioners,

I write this letter to share the Christian Coalition of North Carolina's response to one of the questions you posed in your September 30, 2015 Order Requesting Comments in Docket No. SP-100, Sub 31.

The Christian Coalition of America is a pro-family organization, made up of pro-family Americans who care deeply about ensuring that government serves to strengthen and preserve, rather than threaten, our families and our values. To that end, we work continuously to identify, educate and mobilize Christians for effective action. The Christian Coalition of America is one of the largest conservative grassroots pro-family organizations in America.

The Christian Coalition of America believes Christians need to play an active role in government again like never before. If we are going to be able to change policy and influence decisions, it is imperative that people of faith become committed to doing what Ronald Reagan called "the hard work of freedom." We are driven by the belief that people of faith have a right and a responsibility to be involved in the world around them. That involvement includes community, social and political action.

As conservatives, we stand up for our country's national security and the health of our economy. And, as Christians, we recognize the Biblical mandate to care for God's creation and protect our children's future. Accordingly, the Christian Coalition of America has resolved that the time is right to step forward to promote energy independence initiatives. Taking responsibility to care for God's creation and protecting

the future of our children and grandchildren is a core family value. Further delays in action will impact our national security, our economic security, and our family security.

In your September 30, 2015 Order Requesting Comments, you asked interested persons to answer the following question: "If the Commission has the authority to allow third-party sales of regulated electric utility service, should the Commission approve such sales by all entities desiring to engage in such sales, or limit third-party sales authority to non-profit organizations?"

The Christian Coalition of North Carolina supports the North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL) assertion that "[a]llowing an installer to place solar panels on a congregation's roof and enter into a PPA would allow greater access to affordable, clean energy." Thus, if the Commission has the authority to allow third-party sales, it should certainly authorize such sales to non-profit organizations, including North Carolina's many Christian congregations. But, if the Commission has the authority to allow third-party sales, the Christian Coalition of North Carolina questions why the Commission would limit such sales to only non-profit organizations.

We believe that all families should have access to renewable and alternative energy sources. We also believe that third-party sales represent a cost-effective policy that should be advanced at the state level to accelerate a free-market shift to a cleaner, cheaper energy future.

Through advancement of such policies, the Christian Coalition of North Carolina believes that we advance conservative Christian values by better ensuring our national security and strengthening our economy (by developing American energy resources and investing in clean, renewable energy technologies that create American jobs) and by adhering to the Biblical mandate to care for God's creation and protect our children's future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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