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Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
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Re: *Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony of Jay W. Oliver for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214

Dear

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is *Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony of Jay W. Oliver for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/James H. Jeffries, IV

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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing is Supplemental Rebuttal Testimony of Jay W. Oliver for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC., as filed in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214, were served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 15th day of September, 2020.

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
NORTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. E-7 SUB 1214

In the Matter of:)	
)	SUPPLEMENTAL REBUTTAL
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC))	TESTIMONY OF
For Adjustment of Rates and Charges))	JAY W. OLIVER
Applicable to Electric Service in North))	FOR DUKE ENERGY
Carolina))	CAROLINAS, LLC

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND CURRENT**
2 **POSITION.**

3 A. My name is Jay W. Oliver. My business address is 400 South Tryon Street,
4 Charlotte, North Carolina. I am employed by Duke Energy Business Services, LLC
5 (“DEBS”) as General Manager, Grid Strategy and Asset Management Governance
6 for Duke Energy Corporation (“Duke Energy”), the parent holding company for
7 Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DE Carolinas” or the “Company”).

8 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL REBUTTAL**
9 **TESTIMONY?**

10 A. I am responding to the Supplemental Testimony of Jeff T. Thomas filed on behalf
11 of the Public Staff regarding transmission and distribution (“T&D”) assets placed
12 in service from February 1, 2020 thorough May 31, 2020 for DEC (“Update
13 Period”).

14 **Q. WITNESS THOMAS NOTED IN HIS TESTIMONY THAT DE**
15 **CAROLINAS HAD COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION ON 30 CIRCUITS**
16 **THAT WERE PENDING SOG “ENABLEMENT.” WHAT IS THE**
17 **COMPANY’S TARGETED TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETING THE SOG**
18 **“ENABLEMENT” WORKSCOPE?**

19 A. Currently, the timeframe is longer than we would like between construction
20 completion and SOG enablement. As noted in witness Thomas’s testimony,
21 prior to this year the Company had been proceeding at a slower pace; however,
22 as the number of circuits targeted for SOG has increased, the demand for more
23 highly skilled personnel to perform the enablement work has increased. Once

1 fully staffed we anticipate it will take approximately 12 weeks between the
2 point construction work is complete and full SOG enablement. This 12-week
3 timeframe is needed for scheduling multiple interdependencies between the
4 reliability engineers who create the device settings; the ADMS Model Builders
5 who will program the devices into the software and facilitate testing and
6 validation; and coordination with the with the Grid Management technicians to
7 ensure devices are showing up correctly in the Distribution Control Center
8 (DCC).

9 **Q. WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S PLANS FOR ACHIEVING THE**
10 **TARGETED TWELVE WEEK SOG ENABLEMENT TIMEFRAME?**

11 A. As COVID restrictions ease, we intend to begin building the staff required to reach
12 the targeted 12-week timeframe. Modelling resources are a highly specialized skill
13 set, but we are confident in our ability to find those resources with the additions
14 likely being a combination of company and contract personnel. Training the
15 resources will include sitting with our experienced team, reviewing the work of
16 others and being productive along the way as they complete the needed training
17 which we anticipate will take approximately four months.

18 **Q. WILL SOG ENABLEMENT BE INCLUDED AMONG THE KEY**
19 **METRICS FOR GIP REPORTING?**

20 A. Yes. As noted in the Second Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement
21 in this case, DE Carolinas, in conjunction with the concurrent commitment of
22 DE Progress, and the Public Staff will work together to develop biannual
23 reporting on scope, schedule, costs, and benefits on the programs agreed upon

1 for GIP deferral. Today the company's project management team is already
2 tracking on a circuit by circuit basis the 1) Capacity and tie work completed;
3 2) Reclosers installed; 3) Reclosers commissioned (programmed and
4 verified the recloser can safely operate in switch mode; and 4) Enablement of
5 the self-healing team. The timeframe for how long it is taking from construction
6 complete to SOG enablement can be an additional metric.

7 **Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

 A. Yes.