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## Statement of Position Submitted

### Name

Corey Atkins

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### Docket

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185.

### Message

Dear Commissioners, I am writing to express my support and the support of the entire Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce for the certificate of public convenience and need (CPCN) presented to your attention by Duke Energy. This storage and micro-grid project proposed by Duke is part of a larger effort by them and our community to continue supplying reliable, safe energy in an efficient manner. Over two years ago, our City, County and Duke Energy, along with a number of community organizations like ours banded together to form the Energy Innovation Task Force. This regional effort is aimed at energy efficiency and production that will eventually remove our reliance on fossil fuels. The EITF developed the Blue Horizons Project, which administers the goals and direction set forth by the EITF. Duke Energy and its team, particularly Robert Sipes and Jason Walls, have been crucial to achieving these early successes. The battery storage and solar micro-grid in Hot Springs is another vital step in this effort. We wholeheartedly endorse their proposal and application for the CPCN. We trust you will grant their application so that our community can continue to move forward in sustainable way. Warm Regards, Corey B. Atkins, Esq. Vice President of Public Policy Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce

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## **Statement of Position Submitted**

### **Name**

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### **Docket**

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185

### **Message**

Green Opportunities is a local job training program serving Asheville's most marginalized communities and participate on the Energy Innovation Taskforce trying to delay or prevent the need of a beaker plant in our community. We train, support and connect people from marginalized communities with sustainable employment pathways and are interested in the Hot Springs storage and solar micro-grid project. Duke Energy is part of our Taskforce and has filed for a certificate of public convenience and need (CPCN) from the North Carolina Utilities Commission. We are in support of this application.

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