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RE: DOCKETS: E-2, Sub 1197 and E-7, Sub 1195

Dear Ms. Jarvis,

The City of Charlotte would like to register support for the filings from Duke Energy Progress (DEP) and Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC), and ask that these comments be submitted to the referenced Dockets.

In June 2018, City Council unanimously approved the Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution, and then in December 2018 City Council unanimously approved the first Strategic Energy Action Plan (SEAP) for the City of Charlotte. This plan outlined a path for the city to strive to be fueled by 100% zero-carbon sources by 2030. The SEAP also set a community-wide goal for Charlotte to become a low carbon city by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to below two tons of CO2 equivalent per person annually. We were also named one of the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge winners, which is providing us additional resources and support to advance this work.

Also in 2018, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 80, North Carolina's Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy, which established a target to reach 80,000 registered zero-emission vehicles by 2025 as part of a broader plan to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

As the state's largest City, the City of Charlotte has a key role to play in providing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and driving EV market transformation, not only for its own residents, but also the many employees and travelers who visit the City regularly.

One of the key action areas of Charlotte's SEAP includes striving to increase sustainable modes of transportation, given that transportation is the second largest source of emissions for the City. A key element of this action area is deploying a Citywide EV charging network for Charlotte, and the City recognizes Duke Energy as a partner to accomplish this action.

Duke's proposed pilots would support multiple types of EV charging would be critical to supporting the City of Charlotte's climate and transportation electrification goals. The City is committed to working collaboratively with Duke Energy to ensure the success of these pilots, and enable improved and expanded programs that learn from these initial programs.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,