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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Update
and 2019 REPS Compliance Plan
Docket No. E-100, Sub 157**

Dear Chief Clerk:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8, Commission Rules R8-60, R8-62(p) and R8-67, I enclose Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Update ("IRP Update") and 2019 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard ("REPS") Compliance Plan (collectively, the "2019 IRP"), for filing in connection with the referenced matter.

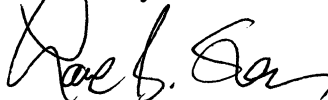
Portions of the DEC IRP Update contain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Table 2 of the REPS Compliance Plan on page 113 contains the Company's combustion turbine costs. If this commercially sensitive business and technical information were to be publicly disclosed, it would allow competitors, vendors and other market participants to gain an undue advantage, which may ultimately result in harm to customers. Exhibit A of the REPS Compliance Plan, pages 116 through 121, contains names of counterparties with whom DEC has contracted for Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"), contract duration and estimated RECs. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEC's ability to negotiate and procure cost-effective purchases and discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals. Pursuant to an agreement with the Public Staff in 2015, DEC plans to provide its most recent FERC Form 715, which contains critical energy infrastructure information that should be kept confidential and non-public, to the Public Staff rather than filing with the Commission.

Accordingly, I am filing portions of the 2019 IRP under seal; they should be treated confidentially pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2 and protected from public disclosure. The Company will provide a copy of the confidential information to parties to this proceeding upon execution of an appropriate confidentiality agreement with DEC.

DEC will schedule the Rule R8-60(m) stakeholder meeting by November 30 and will contact parties of record to attempt to accommodate as many as possible with a selected date and location.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosure

cc: Parties of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Integrated Resource Plan Update and 2019 REPS Compliance Plan, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157, 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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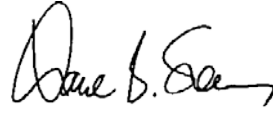
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