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North Carolina Utilities Commission
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**RE: Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1249**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the North Carolina Justice Center, and the North Carolina Housing Coalition for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendrick C. Fentress". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kendrick C. Fentress

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1249

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	JOINT MOTION FOR WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARANCE AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING
for Approval of Demand-Side Management)	
and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider)	
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.9 and)	
Commission Rule R8-69)	

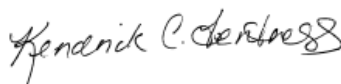
NOW COME Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”), the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”), the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”), the North Carolina Justice Center (“NCJC”), and the North Carolina Housing Coalition (“NCHC”) (collectively, the “Movants”), and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the June 1, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing and allowing the introduction of the prefiled testimony and exhibits of the excused witnesses into the record in this matter. In support of this joint motion, the Movants show as follows:

1. On February 23, 2021, DEC filed direct testimony and exhibits of Shannon R. Listebarger and Robert P. Evans in support of the Company’s application in this docket.
2. On May 10, 2021, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of Michael C. Maness and David M. Williamson, and SACE, NCJC, and NCHC filed the testimony and exhibits of Forest Bradley-Wright.
3. On May 20, 2021, DEC filed the rebuttal testimony of witness Evans.

4. On behalf of the Movants, counsel for DEC has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, including the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of all witnesses, and offer no objection to the introduction of the testimony and exhibits of those excused witnesses into the record.

WHEREFORE, DEC, the Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC respectfully request that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the June 1, 2021 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of those witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter. The Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC have authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted, this 26th day of May, 2021.



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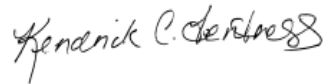
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Coalition*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the Public Staff, SACE, NCHC and NCJC for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1249, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the parties of record.

This is the 26th day of May, 2021.



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