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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis
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North Carolina Utilities Commission
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct 21 MW Combined Heat and Power Facility at Duke University in Durham County, North Carolina
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1122**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

In the ensuing weeks since Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) filed its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN Application”) on October 17, 2016 to construct a 21-megawatt combined heat and power facility (“CHP Facility”) at Duke University (the “University”), the University’s Administration has indicated that it needs more time to work with University stakeholders regarding the role of CHP in the broader context of the University’s sustainability goals. In light of this development, the University has communicated that its internal sustainability and board of trustees verification processes will not be complete by the time of the January 24, 2017 evidentiary hearing. As a result, DEC respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the discovery and procedural dates included in its November 16, 2016 Scheduling Order and set new discovery and procedural dates to begin after May 2017. Doing so would allow the University an appropriate amount of time to address internal stakeholder concerns through its sustainability process and receive verification from its board of trustees to proceed with the CHP transaction, and allow the opportunity for continued input by Duke University community and other customer stakeholders in the Commission’s review process for this project. Duke Energy continues to be very optimistic about the CHP Facility, and believes that distributed generation assets such as combined heat and power provide a cost competitive generation asset for North Carolina electric customers, create thermal energy value to the host site, and reduce CO₂ emissions for the State of North Carolina.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Franklin

cc: David R. Drooz