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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

Re: Duke Energy Corporation's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas
Docket Number ND-2015-32-G

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(v), Duke Energy Corporation respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina post the attached "Notice of Request for Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing" on its website. We have confirmed that the Commissioners and Commission employees identified in the attached Notice, as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff, or his designee, are generally available and willing to attend the Briefing as described in the attached Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Shirley Smith".

Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosures

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Staff
Ms. Nanette Edwards, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff
Ms. Dawn Hipp, Office of Regulatory Staff
Mr. Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff
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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR
ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATION BRIEFING**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(v) (Supp. 2016), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of allowable ex parte communication briefing:

Person or Party Requesting the Briefing:	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Date and Time of Briefing:	August 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Commissioners and Commission Employees Requested to Attend the Briefing:	Chairman, Swain E. Whitfield Vice Chairman, Comer H. "Randy" Randall Commissioner John E. "Butch" Howard Commissioner Elizabeth B. "Lib" Fleming Commissioner Elliott F. Elam, Jr. Commissioner G. O'Neal Hamilton Commissioner Nikiya "Nikki" Hall Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator Dr. James Spearman, Executive Assistant Joseph Melchers, General Counsel David Butler, Senior Counsel Randall Dong, Staff Attorney Joseph Minges, Staff Attorney David Stark, Staff Attorney
Subject Matter to be Discussed at Briefing:	Duke Energy Corporation's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas
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The Public Service Commission will post on its website further information from this allowable ex parte communication briefing within 96 hours of its conclusion.