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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: Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct Related to Duke Energy
Corporation's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated
Docket No. ND-2015-32-G

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

For information, please find attached the *Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct* issued September 29, 2016 by the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC") in Docket No. E-2 Sub 1095, E-7 Sub 1100, and G-9 Sub 682 approving the acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. by Duke Energy Corporation. A copy of this informational filing is also being provided to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Shirley Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Nanette Edwards, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff
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