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Dear Heather:

In your June 10<sup>th</sup> letter to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, you referenced the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement between Duke Energy Corporation ("DEC"), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("PNG"), and the Public Staff North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC").

I understand that the hearing before the NCUC is scheduled for July 18, 2016. In the past, DEC has provided the pro rata equivalent to South Carolina of any economic benefits that are part of the approval of the transaction. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") seeks confirmation that DEC will provide South Carolina, and its rate payers, the pro rata share of any economic benefits as part of this transaction, in the event that the NCUC approves DEC's acquisition of PNG.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Nanette Edwards*

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cc: Joseph Melchers, Esquire – General Counsel, Public Service Commission