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Ms. Nanette S. Edwards
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Re: Duke Energy Corporation's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company,
Incorporated
ND-2015-32-G

Dear Nanette:

We have received your correspondence regarding questions on the settlements reached in North Carolina filed as information with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in the above-referenced docket. Those settlements, as you note in your letter, are subject to approval by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the "NCUC"). You queried whether Duke Energy Corporation (the "Company") plans to provide the pro rata equivalent to South Carolina of economic benefits approved by the NCUC, such as fuel savings to customers. This letter is to confirm that the Company does plan to provide such pro rata benefits, and we are happy to discuss the timing associated with such benefits and other related matters further with the Office of Regulatory Staff. Additionally, the Company plans to request an allowable ex parte briefing in August, after the hearing on the matter before the NCUC, such that we may answer questions from the Commission.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Shirley Smith

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