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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communications Briefing held on August 18, 2016

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (2015) and as Mr. Scott's designee, I am attaching copies of the certified statements from all persons present (see sign in sheets also attached) at the August 18, 2016 Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held by Duke Energy Corporation regarding Duke Energy Corporation's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas. The Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing was held at 10:30 am.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

Website Links to References:

1. Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933:
<https://www.sec.gov/about/laws/sa33.pdf>
2. Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:
<https://www.sec.gov/about/laws/sea34.pdf>
3. SEC Regulation G:
<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=8e0ed509ccc65e983f9eca72ceb26753&node=17:4.0.1.1.5&rgn=div5>
4. Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (as filed with the NCUC):
<http://starw1.ncuc.net/NCUC/ViewFile.aspx?Id=652e1140-617a-4596-919e-9c265a988612>

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5. Kentucky Commission issued Order on March 7, 2016:
http://psc.ky.gov/order_vault/Orders_2016/201500413_03072016.pdf
6. Notice filed with the PSC of SC:
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/d1c5f46f-38b2-4c9a-ba6b-eb25df0be57b>
7. Joint Dispatch Agreement:
<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/0343ef3f-155d-2817-10c2f0c2cd73a4bb>
8. Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act:
http://www.scstatehouse.gov/query.php?search=DOC&searchtext=58%205%20400&category=CODEOFLAWS&conid=8294878&result_pos=0&keyval=1882&numrows=10#OCC1

Documents Attached:

1. Tennessee Regulatory Authority Order- Issued March 28, 2016 (PDF)
2. ORS Correspondence- Received June 29, 2016 (PDF)
3. Duke Energy Corporation Correspondence- Received June 29, 2016 (PDF)
4. Settlement with EDF (PDF)
5. Settlement with CUCA (PDF)
6. Final Merger Agreement (PDF)

With the website links and documents provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the allowable ex parte briefing, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii). If website links and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced, or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Bateman

Enclosures

cc: Heather Shirley Smith, Esquire