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Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Request for Extension of Pay As You Go Pilot Program
Docket No. 2015-136-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Request for Extension in the above-referenced Docket and supports Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") request for extension of its Pay As You Go Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") for an additional 12 months, effective through July 12, 2017, along with a commensurate extension for the reporting required by Commission Order No. 2015-334 (the "Report").

Extending the Pilot Program and the Report by 12 months will allow the Company to offer the Pilot Program to a larger population of customers, which will in turn provide for the following: (1) the opportunity for enhanced learnings on how best to communicate and promote the Pilot Program to customers; (2) a larger set of data to provide further information for future offerings or refinements to the Pilot Program and to consider recommendations to the Pilot Program; and (3) more time to attract sufficient customers so that the Company can better assure that the Pilot Program operates as designed and to incorporate process learnings that enhance customer experience.

Furthermore, ORS believes that the Company's request for an extension of the Pilot Program, for an additional 12 months, effective through July 12, 2017, and for a 12-month extension for the Report, do not require a determination of the entire rate structure of the Company or the overall rate of return and, therefore, does not require notice or hearing.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

Sincerely,



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