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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communications Briefing held on January 13, 2016

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (Supp. 2014) 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 January 13, 2016 Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held by Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. regarding Duke Energy's Acquisition of Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. The Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing was held at 10:30am.

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:

Documents Attached:

1. US Securities and Exchange Commission, Schedule 14A, Definitive Proxy Statement – December 14, 2015 (PDF)
2. Final Merger Agreement – October 24, 2015 (PDF)
3. Statutory References to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1300 and S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-10 (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,



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Enclosures