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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Lisa M. Meserve, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Defendant/Respondent  
**Docket No. 2016-366-E**

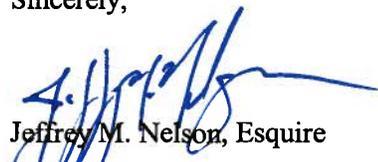
Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has chosen to opt out as a participant in the Commission hearing scheduled in the above referenced docket under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §§58-4-50(A)(4) and (10) (2015).

ORS has reviewed the complaint of Lisa M. Meserve ("Meserve" or "Petitioner") and has conducted an investigation of the complaint made by her against the Respondent Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke" or "Respondent"). ORS was unable to resolve the dispute between the Petitioner and Respondent and considers it appropriate and not adverse to the public interest to opt out as a participant in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

  
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