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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk / Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Request for Extension of Pay As You Go Pilot Program
Docket No. 2015-136-E

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

On May 12, 2015, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") issued its Order No. 2015-334 in the above-referenced docket approving Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or "the Company") Pay As You Go Pilot (the "Pilot"), effective July 12, 2015, for up to 12 months. The Company has seen positive response to this Pilot, and respectfully requests to extend the Pilot by another 12 months, effective through July 12, 2017, along with a commensurate extension for the reporting required by Order No. 2015-334 (the "Report") for the reasons explained below.

Extending the Pilot by 12 months will allow the Company to expand the Pilot into the remaining zip codes within the DEC SC service territory, which will significantly increase the eligible customer population. Several zip codes within the Company's service territory have experienced Smart Meter deployment, and the rest are on schedule for deployment. Accordingly, expanding the Pilot-eligible territory will enable the Company to offer the Pilot to a larger population of customers, which will provide the opportunity for enhanced learnings on how best to communicate and promote the Pilot to customers.

Extending the Pilot will also provide for a larger pool of information for the Report proposed by the Company as required by the Commission. A larger set of data will also provide better learnings to inform future offerings or refinements to the Pilot and to consider recommendation to the Pilot made in this docket. The extension of time will allow the Company to time to attract sufficient customers to the Pilot such that the Company can better assure that

the Pilot operates as designed and to incorporate process learnings that enhance customer experience.

The Company does not propose to change the Pay As You Go Program tariff, except to address this requested extension, nor does the Company propose to change the Pilot's existing terms and conditions. The Company notes that this request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure of DEC nor its overall rate of return, and, as result, neither notice to the public nor a hearing is required. See S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F)(Supp. 2015).

Accordingly, Duke Energy Carolinas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the extension of the Pilot, by another 12 months, effective through July 12, 2017, and for a 12 month extension of the Report required by the Commission in Order No. 2015-334.

Sincerely,


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