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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 SC 29211

**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan Update Report
Docket Number 2015-8-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-37-40, I enclose Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" or the "Company") 2015 Integrated Resource Plan Update Report ("2015 DEP IRP") for filing in connection with the above reference matter.

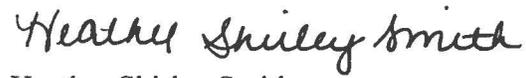
Portions of the 2015 DEP IRP contain certain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Pages 66 through 67 as well as pages 80 through 82 contain confidential and proprietary information regarding wholesale sales and purchased power contracts. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEP's ability to negotiate and sell or procure cost-effective purchases, discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals, and impede DEP's ability to compete in the wholesale market.

Accordingly the Company is filing these documents under seal; they should be treated confidentially pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, "ORDER REQUIRING DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS" and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2)(Supp. 2012) and under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq and protected from public disclosure. I also enclose a public version of the 2015 IRP with the confidential information redacted.

Please consider this correspondence as Duke Energy Progress's Motion for Confidential Treatment of the above-referenced information.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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