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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC – Notice of  
Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing on Coal Ash Disposal

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(v), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina post the attached “Notice of Request for Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing” on its website. We have confirmed that the Commissioners and Commission employees identified in the attached Notice, as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff are generally available and willing to attend the Briefing as described in the attached Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Shirley Smith".

Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosures

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director, Office of Regulatory Staff  
Ms. Nanette Edwards, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff  
Mr. John Flitter, Office of Regulatory Staff  
Mr. Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff  
Ms. Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR  
ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATION BRIEFING**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(v) (Cum. Supp. 2015), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of allowable ex parte communication briefing:

Person or Party Requesting the Briefing:

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC  
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC**

Date and Time of Briefing:

**February 10, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.**

Commissioners and Commission Employees  
Requested to Attend the Briefing:

**Chairman, Nikiya “Nikki” Hall  
Vice Chairman, Swain E. Whitfield  
Commissioner John E. “Butch” Howard  
Commissioner Elizabeth B. “Lib” Fleming  
Commissioner Comer H. “Randy” Randall  
Commissioner Elliott F. Elam, Jr.  
Commissioner G. O’Neal Hamilton  
Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Dr. James Spearman, Executive Assistant  
Joseph Melchers, General Counsel  
David Butler, Senior Counsel  
Randall Dong, Staff Attorney  
Joseph Minges, Staff Attorney  
David Stark, Staff Attorney**

Subject Matter to be Discussed at Briefing:

**Coal Ash Disposal**

Commission Docket No.

**Not applicable.**

The Public Service Commission will post on its website further information from this allowable ex parte communication briefing within 96 hours of its conclusion.