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Regional Council of Governments

January 9, 2019

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

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Please find attached a letter of support from Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments for Duke Energy's pilot program to expand electrical vehicle access and electric vehicle charging options across South Carolina.

If you have any questions, please contact our Chief Executive Officer, Christopher McKinney at 803.774.1984 or cmckinney@slcog.org.

Respectfully,

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SANTEE LYNCHES
Regional Council of Governments

December 3, 2018

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Docket Title: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and an Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses

Docket Numbers: 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E

Dear Ms. Boyd,

On behalf of the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, I am writing to support Duke Energy's proposed pilot program to expand electrical vehicle access and electric vehicle charging options across South Carolina.

The Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments is responsible for rural transportation planning and economic development across a four-county region consisting of Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter Counties. This opportunity would allow us to potentially establish DC Fast Charging Stations along our interstate exchanges which presents an opportunity for economic development in some of our economically distressed areas. This opportunity would allow us to explore public transit alternatives currently not available but badly needed in our region. In addition to public transit, the proposal encourages the deployment of DC Fast Charging infrastructure along interstates. Both of these ideas align well with our vision of economic development particularly in our most distressed areas.

We also actively engage key stakeholders from across 4-counties to work toward preserving our green infrastructure. Being able to launch electric buses in our rural region will greatly enhance our efforts to push our region towards being better stewards over our resources.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope you will look favorably on Duke Energy's request EV Pilot. This pilot will likely prove beneficial to all of Duke Energy's customers, achieve sustainable goals and promote technology leadership across South Carolina.

If you have any questions, contact our Chief Executive Officer, Christopher H. McKinney at (803) 774-1984 or cmckinney@slcog.org.

Respectfully,

R. Travis Windham
Chairman of the Board, Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments

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