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TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN M. MIHALY

FOR

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

SCPSC DOCKET NO. 97153-E

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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND POSITION WITH DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION.

A. My name is Stephen M. Mihaly, and I am the Vice President of Nason Corporation ("Nason"). My business address is 1307 South Highway 11, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691.

Q. WHAT INVOLVEMENT DID YOU HAVE SELECTING THE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLIER FOR NASON'S NEW OCONEE COUNTY SITE?

A. After determining to locate our plant in Oconee County, I worked with David Schmidt in order to make a decision on the electric power supplier for the plant. I told Mr. Schmidt that it was my desire to have Duke Power Company, n/k/a Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"), supply this site, but I authorized him to make the choice of suppliers. Mr. Schmidt, after meeting with both Duke and Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative ("Blue Ridge"), informed me that Duke believed it was possible to serve the site of our new plant and that Duke would be his choice. I concurred in that choice and asked Mr. Schmidt to inform the potential suppliers of electricity of that decision.

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1 **Q. DOES THIS CONTINUE TO BE YOUR DECISION?**

2 **A.** Yes. I would ask the South Carolina Public Service Commission to allow this
3 request for service to proceed.

4 **Q. MR. MIHALY, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY?**

5 **A.** Yes. I have reviewed Mr. Schmidt's affidavit and adopt the contents of it.

6 **Q. MR. MIHALY, DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

7 **A.** Yes.