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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Petition for Public Hearing - Non-Docket No. 2015-20-E

Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") respectfully petitions the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to schedule a public hearing at its earliest convenience within the affected area to hear public comment on the above referenced matter. ORS requests the hearing so that the Commission may hear from concerned citizens who own impacted or potentially impacted property within Spartanburg and Greenville counties.

Respectfully submitted,

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