



September 18, 2026

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Re: Request for Emergency Order Under Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act

Dear Secretary Wright:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, as the Reliability Coordinator Agent for VACAR South, formally endorses the request for a Section 202(c) order under the Federal Power Act submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy").

The primary mission of VACAR South is to oversee and ensure the reliability of the bulk electric system within its designated area. As the Reliability Coordinator Agent, it is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's firm opinion that granting this relief request will provide an immeasurable benefit to this mission as well as the public served by VACAR South and its member entities. Allowing this relief will not only serve the reliability of Duke Energy's service territory, but also the many local electric cooperatives served by Duke Energy and other interconnected utilities and service providers.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC greatly appreciates the Department of Energy's expedited consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or require additional information to act on this request.

Respectfully,

Andrew D. Clarke, Ph.D., P.E.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew D. Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Manager, System Operations Engineering, Duke Energy Carolinas
(980) 373-2271 (o), Andrew.Clarke@duke-energy.com