



January 29, 2026

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

Re: Order No. 202-26-05 Extension Request

Dear Secretary Wright:

Pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”), the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Department of Energy, and Order No. 202-26-05, issued on January 26, 2026 (“the Order”) by the Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) (collectively, “Duke Energy”) respectfully submit this request for an extension of the Order until February 3, 2026 at 12 PM EST. Duke Energy incorporates by reference Duke Energy’s initial application for the Order and all attachments thereto (the “Application”).

Duke Energy requests this extension because emergency conditions will persist beyond the term of the current Order. Specifically, a significant winter weather event will impact the Carolinas this weekend, bringing a rare moderate snowfall event to the Southeast. This is expected to be all snow for our service area with a wide swath of 3-6" forecast. Behind this storm, extremely cold temperatures will filter southeastward over the Carolinas Saturday evening and last through Tuesday morning. The coldest temperatures are projected in the lower to middle teens on Sunday and Monday morning, with colder wind chills, and lasting winter weather effects from the storm. Projected temperatures and deviation from normal will be as cold, if not colder, than the previous high-load event described in the Application. As such, customer demand may reach or exceed record-breaking thresholds for DEC and DEP on Monday morning.

Duke Energy requests this extension because it is committed to public health and safety, takes its compliance obligations seriously, and understands the importance of the environmental permit requirements that are at issue. In this case, the risk of power outages in extremely cold temperatures is a more imminent and prominent threat to the communities we serve than the temporary exceedances of those permit limits that would be



allowed under the Order. Authorizing the certain units to operate notwithstanding those limitations will reduce the likelihood that Duke Energy will need to curtail load. Accordingly, in order to preserve the reliability of the bulk electric power system, Duke Energy respectfully requests that the Secretary extend the Order until February 3, 2026 at 12 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

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