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Don,

1. I have no recollection of asking Kathy for Duke Energy to issue a statement. But I want to be clear. As I said in my testimony before the General Assembly, when I and the administration refer to the fund as "voluntary," we mean that issuance of the water quality permit in no way depended on the creation of the fund. Duke has confirmed that is the case. However, as Bruce McKay of Dominion said in an interview, ACP viewed the fund as part of what was "mandated by FERC."

2. No. Kathy and I had many conversations. She may have misunderstood my answer to a question, or it's possible that I misunderstood my answer to a question she asked. But from the very first discussion on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Governor Cooper said that the permit would be decided by DEQ. The governor and members of the administration were consistently clear about that.

As a reminder, the Republican report conceded that no one in the governor's office interfered with the issuance of the ACP permits, that Duke did not think their permits were contingent on the mitigation fund or solar settlement, and that the governor did not stand to benefit from any of this.

Ken

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Ken,

Please see the attached report of Eagle Intel's second interview with Kathy Hawkins. Hawkins said you gave inaccurate answers at the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Subcommittee meeting on Nov. 8.

Did you ask Duke for a statement regarding the voluntary status of the MOU and fund?

Did you tell Hawkins that the governor would be making the decision on the 401 Certification?

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