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North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: City of Wilmington Comments on Duke Energy's Proposed Carbon Plan;
Docket No. E-100, Sub 179

Dear Chair Mitchell and Commission Members:

On October 13, 2021, North Carolina signed into law carbon reduction goals in NC S.L. 2021-165/HB951. The goals and process set forth in that session law are laudable and the City of Wilmington supports them. The process calls for leaders to take on the difficult task of balancing the reduction of carbon output with our citizens needs for reliable energy at a reasonable and achievable cost.

The City of Wilmington has also established carbon reduction and clean energy goals, including:

- A 2009 Resolution establishing a municipal operations green house gas (GHG) reduction target of 58% by 2050
- A 2021 Resolution to transition to 50% clean energy for municipal operations by 2035, and 100% clean energy by 2050

With the understanding that Wilmington's goals have interdependence on Duke Energy's plan, the City of Wilmington supports all reasonable efforts the North Carolina Utilities Commission may apply to help Duke Energy achieve a reduction in carbon emissions while maintaining a reliable energy that our citizens can count on at a cost they can afford. The City urges the Commission to consider reduction timetables that are achievable and based on our practical abilities and our citizen's needs, not artificially pre-determined dates.

Wilmington appreciates the NCUC's consideration of this while setting North Carolina on a path to meet its emission reduction and clean energy goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on behalf of the Wilmington City Council.

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