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PSC Schedules Presentation for October 18th, 2023 on Winter Storm Elliott from Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Columbia, SC—The Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled a presentation by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the Companies) in response to the Office of Regulatory Staff's inspection and examination of any outages and rolling blackouts during the December 2022 Winter Storm ("Winter Storm Elliott") in the service territories of the Companies.

This presentation comes after the January 2023 issuance of Commission Order No. 2023-21, which requested that an ORS inspection and examination investigate the following: (1) the cause(s) of any outages and blackouts, (2) communication from the Companies with customers, the media and any and all regulatory bodies, including, but not limited to SCPSC, SC ORS, FERC and/or any other state or federal agencies, either before, during or after the rolling blackouts and/or outages began, (3) the role, if any, of SEEM, (4) any lessons learned, (5) areas for improvement, if any, and (6) any additional areas which ORS deems appropriate to explore with regard to any outages and blackouts during the December 2022 Winter Storm Elliott. The Order also requested that the ORS provide a report to the Commission detailing the ORS's findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the inspection and examination. The ORS provided that report to the Commission and made recommendations in a presentation on September 1st, 2023.

This latest presentation by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC on the Companies' perspective on the ORS's findings and recommendations related to any outages and rolling blackouts during the December 2022 Winter Storm ("Winter Storm Elliott") in the service territories of the Companies has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., before the Public Service Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, pursuant to Commission Order No. 2023-21.

Those interested in observing the proceedings can do so by watching the PSC's livestream <u>at this link</u> or by listening in at the PSC's toll-free listen line by calling 1-877-312-2531 and entering the access code: 2306 156 7308.

For the most recent information regarding this issue, including any potential changes in the date scheduled above, please refer to Non-Docketed Item No. 2023-1-E at this link.

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