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State of South Carolina

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COMMITTEE:
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

September 15, 2015

Nikiya Hall, Chair
Public Service Commission of SC
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket No. 2015-305-E
Duke Energy's Foothills Transmission and Substation Project

Ms. Hall:

Please be advised that many of my constituents were unable to gain access to the August 27, 2015 meeting held at Landrum High School in Spartanburg County to hear public input about the above referenced project. Since that meeting, they have expressed to me their frustration about the negative impact that the project will have on their property values and the quality of life that we all enjoy in Northern Greenville County.

I talked with several constituents who live on or near State Highway 11 in Northern Greenville County who received letters notifying them that Duke Energy could be granted a broad right of way through the middle of their property. This right of way would carry transmission lines or support towers reaching 190 feet in height.

In one case, the right of way would run between two neighboring houses and destroy their line of sight to the mountains and to each other. This unforeseen change to the intended use of their property would come after a decade that these neighbors have spent committed to building their homes and improving their property. Given the magnitude of Duke Energy's proposed project, this devastating reality will be faced by a multitude of property owners along State Highway 11.

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I also reviewed the possible routes for the transmission lines provided by Duke Energy on their website. These lines would carry electricity from a new substation in Campobello to Asheville, NC. I took the time to drive around the impacted area, both in North and South Carolina, to see for myself how the natural beauty of this mountain region would be permanently harmed. I drove around the North Saluda Reservoir to visualize the possible negative impact on Greenville's water supply.

After reviewing the facts, I join with my neighbors to strongly oppose the construction of any new towers or transmission lines in Northern Greenville County as a part of this proposed project. We request that Duke Energy strongly consider other options to carry electricity to Asheville.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Stringer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tommy Stringer

cc: Ms. Elizabeth B. Fleming, Commissioner, District 4