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South Carolina Public Service Commission Schedules Hearing in Docket Related to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Columbia, South Carolina—The Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled a merits hearing in Docket No. 2025-250-E, which relates to an application filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("the Joint Applicants") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of a New Combined Cycle Generating Plant in Anderson County, South Carolina. The merits hearing, during which the Commission receives evidence and hears testimony from witnesses, will convene on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, with only attorneys present and no witness testimony given, and will reconvene on Thursday, February 25th, 2026, at 10 a.m. to receive evidence and testimony. The hearing will continue (if necessary) on Friday, February 26th, 2026, at the call of the Chairman.

In their application, the Joint Applicants assert that there are substantial, growing energy needs, and DEC anticipates an increase in annual energy need of 25,735,000 MWh between 2024 and 2031. In addition, the Joint Applicants state that the Project is needed by NCEMC and Central as a capacity and energy resource to serve their respective member cooperatives' loads.

More information about this Docket and the Company's complete application can be found on the Commission's Docket Management System <u>at this link</u>. This hearing will be broadcast live to the public <u>at this link</u>.

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