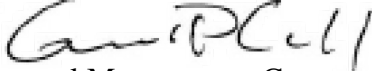


March 1, 2018

To: J. D. Solomon, Chairman
North Carolina Environmental Management Commission

From: Gerard Carroll, Member 
North Carolina Environmental Management Commission

Subject: Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations
Draft Special Order by Consent S17-009
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Allen Steam Station, Gaston County
Marshall Steam Station, Catawba County
Rogers Energy Complex (Cliffside Steam Station), Cleveland & Rutherford Counties

On February 13, 2018, I served as the Hearing Officer for the Subject Public Hearing held at the James W. Warren Citizen Center, 115 West Main Street, in Lincolnton, NC. The purpose of the public hearing was to allow the public to comment on the draft Special Order by Consent (SOC).

The Hearing Officer's Report for the SOC includes comments from the public hearing and the public comment period. Public notice of consideration of the draft SOC and notification of the holding of a public meeting on the matter were published in three newspapers (The Mooresville Tribune and The Shelby Star on January 10, 2018, and the Charlotte Observer on January 11, 2018). The draft SOC, its public notice and the public hearing were also the subject of a January 9, 2018 press release from DEQ, and information regarding the draft SOC was posted on DEQ's website. The public comment period closed on February 14, 2018.

In addition to listening to oral comments at the public hearing, I have reviewed all written comments received during the public comment period, including those submitted via email, the postal service, and those hand-delivered at the public hearing. In preparation of this report I have considered all the public comments, the public record, and the site visit.

The report has been prepared using the following outline:

- I. Site History / Background
- II. Site Visit – Allen Steam Station, February 8, 2018
- III. February 13, 2018, Public Hearing and Comments Summary
- IV. Recommendations
- V. Attachments