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Re: Inclusive Process for NC Electric Transportation Stakeholder Meetings
Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1197 & E-7, Sub 1195

Dear Lang and Robert,

Thank you for the time and effort you have put into organizing the important stakeholder process required by the North Carolina Utilities Commission's November 24, 2020 Order Approving Electric Transportation Pilot, In Part in docket numbers E-2, Sub 1197 and E-7, Sub 1195. We are invested in the process and in developing a successful and equitable series of successor pilot programs on our way to permanent electric transportation programs. We look forward to working with Duke Energy and the Public Staff to make that happen.

However, it has been challenging to fully engage in the early stakeholder meetings. We have found it difficult to prepare without more notice of meeting schedules, agendas and presentations. We have also found it somewhat challenging to take in the information presented during the stakeholder meetings and present thoughtful feedback on the fly.

With that in mind, we would like to memorialize a few of the requests that we have made during the two stakeholder meetings to date, aimed at facilitating stakeholder participation in the process. They are the following:

1. provide a schedule of the remaining stakeholder meetings between now and the end of the process;
2. provide an agenda and slides two weeks before each stakeholder meeting;
3. provide written notes within one week after each meeting summarizing what was said, perhaps under the Chatham House Rule.

These improvements to the process will help all stakeholders to participate more fully, in keeping with the Commission’s directive to convene a “collaborative stakeholder process to provide input and feedback on potential future pilot programs.”¹

In addition, we recommend making a concerted effort to incorporate equitable mobility and environmental justice into this process so that the second stage of pilot programs are designed with these concerns in mind from the start. We request that Duke Energy and the Public Staff schedule an educational meeting on these issues and invite equitable mobility and environmental justice subject matter experts to present on these issues and discuss how they can best be incorporated into future programs.

Thank you for considering these requests. If you would like to discuss them further, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Jimenez. Again, we look forward to working with both Duke Energy and the Public Staff throughout the rest of the stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

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¹ Order Approving Electric Transportation Pilot, In Part 21, Nov. 24, 2020, <https://starw1.ncuc.net/NCUC/ViewFile.aspx?Id=1c1665d0-d645-4293-82d8-ae9d7e672e3d>.

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