



**Review of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Anderson Combined Cycle
Docket Number 2025-250-E**

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

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1. Executive Summary

This report outlines construction monitoring activities for the 1,365-megawatt (“MW”) generating facility in Anderson County, South Carolina. Since the previous report, a monthly meeting cadence was established between the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”), and the independent construction analyst, E3 Consulting Services, LLC (“E3 Consulting”).

The purpose of these meetings will be to review the project status and critical paths for the 1,365-MW facility. Below are the critical details and new information gathered regarding the development and construction of the generating plant.

2. Project Status & Critical Milestones

2.1 Permitting Status

- **Current Status:** Environmental and air permitting processes are actively progressing.
- **Target Timeline:** DEC anticipates the issuance of the required air permit for the Anderson County facility sometime in October or November of 2026.
- **Monitoring Action:** ORS and E3 Consulting will track this milestone closely.

2.2 Contractor Procurement

- **Current Status:** DEC selected the Zachry Group as the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (“EPC”) company to construct the Anderson County facility.
- **Next Step:** Zachry Group will begin staffing all construction positions and contracting services prior to the start of construction.

2.3 Construction Schedule & Site Mobilization

DEC reaffirmed that the overall project timeline remains on track. Key target dates include:

- **Site Mobilization:** Expected to begin in the second quarter of 2027.
- **Commercial Operation:** The overall project timeline remains on track for final completion in the early 2031 timeframe.

2.4 Financial Summary

- **Current Estimated Budget:** \$3.2 billion.
- **Status:** Budget remains consistent with the figures provided in the Company’s Direct Testimony for the Project’s CECPCN Application.¹

¹ Direct Testimony of DEC Witness John Robert Smith, Jr., Docket No. 2025-250-E p. 5.

3. Monitoring Roadmap & Next Steps

As monitoring activities ramp up, ORS and E3 Consulting have defined the following next steps:

- **Meeting Cadence:** ORS established a monthly recurring schedule for status meetings between DEC, ORS, and E3 Consulting.
- **Information Requests:** ORS and E3 Consulting are currently reviewing the Company's responses to the first ORS data request.