

March 14, 2024

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Grant Application
(General Competition) submitted by the North Carolina Department of
Environmental Quality

To Whom It May Concern:

Duke Energy is pleased to provide this letter of commitment to support the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program as part of the EPA CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition application. Duke Energy is actively supporting the State of North Carolina with a number of relevant efforts, including IRA home energy efficiency rebates, health and safety repairs of single and multi-family dwellings, and electrification of the transportation sector. We believe DEQ's strategy for leveraging existing programs with CPRG funding will significantly and positively impact the lives of North Carolinians, many of whom are Duke Energy customers.

Duke Energy is a Fortune 150 company serving 83 of the 100 counties of North Carolina with reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean electricity. We have committed to aggressive decarbonization goals using a 2005 baseline that include an 80% reduction by 2040 and net-zero by 2050. For decades, we have implemented energy efficiency grant programs aimed at helping to alleviate the energy burden of our customers most in need. In addition, Duke Energy adopted a series of Environmental Justice principles in 2021 that are designed to guide the work we do across our enterprise. In addition, we are partnering with the State of North Carolina on an IIJA GRIP application for upgraded transmission that will support the integration of additional renewable energy projects in the eastern part of our state.

We anticipate supporting NCDEQ on the following CPRG implementation activities:

- Leveraging CPRG funding with existing energy efficiency programs to increase the number of dwellings impacted, resulting in direct GHG reductions through decreased energy load.
- Ensuring grid readiness for additional EV charging infrastructure deployment, impacting GHG emissions from the largest contributing sector in North Carolina.

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As the electricity provider to millions of North Carolinians, we are excited to support NCDEQ with this important work. For additional information, please contact Mark McIntire (mark.mcintire@duke-energy.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KCB", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kendal C. Bowman
Duke Energy, North Carolina State President