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DEC 28 2016

Ms. Sheila Holman, Director
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641

Dear Ms. Holman:

By letter dated December 28, 2016, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a request to change the characterization pathway under the EPA's sulfur dioxide (SO₂) Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for the Duke Energy Progress – Asheville Steam Electric Plant located in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Your letter sets out the rationale to change the characterization pathway for Asheville from air quality modeling to monitoring and the EPA concurs with the rationale your letter presents. Consistent with the requirements of the DRR, the SO₂ monitor for this source in Buncombe County is required to be deployed and operational by January 1, 2017. Please note, the change of pathway from air quality modeling to monitoring means that the source is now subject to all requirements under the DRR for monitored areas.

If you have any questions regarding this concurrence letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Scott Davis, Chief, Air Planning and Implementation Branch at (404) 562-9127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. DuBose /acting for".

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division