

REPORT OF INTERVIEW

DATE: November 18, 2019 **LOCATION:** Womble Bond Dickinson

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Raleigh, NC

PARTICIPANTS: Kathy Hawkins, Vice President, NC Government Affairs, Duke Energy

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TIME: 9:30 AM

On the above date and time, Eagle Intel Services Investigators Tom Beers and Kevin Greene conducted an interview of Kathy Hawkins, Vice President of North Carolina Government Affairs, Duke Energy, at the offices of Womble Bond Dickinson in Raleigh, North Carolina. This interview was previously arranged by and through Jim Cooney, outside counsel for Duke Energy, at the request of EIS investigators, as a follow-up to an interview with Hawkins on September 9, 2019. The following information was provided by Hawkins unless otherwise indicated:

- 1. Hawkins told the investigators that she listened to Ken Eudy's responses to questions by the General Assembly's Atlantic Coast Pipeline Subcommittee on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline that took place on November 8, 2019. When asked if she was aware of any inaccuracies to his statements, Hawkins said yes.
- She stated that the answer Eudy gave to the question about asking Duke to provide a statement regarding the voluntary status of the MOU and fund was inaccurate
- 3. Hawkins explained that Eudy called her, after the General Assembly's Joint House and Senate Appropriations/Base Budget committee meeting on February 8, 2018, to request that Duke prepare a letter stating that the \$57.8 Million fund was voluntarily provided on behalf of the ACP. Hawkins told him that they "were not doing that." She then notified Duke management and they agreed that a letter, as requested by Eudy, would not be prepared.
- 4. Also, during the call between Eudy and Hawkins, Eudy referenced an article in the Triangle Business Journal, dated February 7, 2018. Eudy was upset about



the article and felt that it was inaccurate and therefore wanted someone from Duke to call the reporter and make corrections.

- 5. Hawkins believes that Eudy was upset regarding the statement by Bruce McKay, with ACP partner, Dominion Energy, that was a part of the article. Per the article, McKay said that the Mitigation Fund wasn't state initiated. Hawkins was asked if she agreed with that statement and she responded that she believes it to be state initiated.
- 6. Hawkins did not have any further conversations about Eudy's requests, with Eudy, after telling him that they would not do what he had asked.
- 7. Hawkins also noted that Eudy's response to the question regarding if he informed anyone that the Governor would be making the decision on the 401 Certification was not accurate.
- 8. As previously discussed with the investigators, she recalled, on December 19, 2017, that he told her the Governor and not Secretary Regan would be making the decision on the 401 Certification. She was still unable to recall the full extent and nature of their conversation.