



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Representative Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the Senate

FROM: Christopher J. Ayers *CJA*
Executive Director

DATE: May 13, 2016

RE: Report Pursuant to G.S. 62-15(h)

Pursuant to G.S. 62-15(h), the following is an accounting of the compensation and expenses paid to expert witnesses and other professionals during 2015 to assist the Public Staff in its participation in Commission proceedings. These amounts were invoiced to the appropriate utility and no State funds were expended.

GDS Associates, Inc.

OSBM Approval: May 23, 2013; May 26, 2015
Purpose: Evaluation of DSM/EE Savings/Electric Power Suppliers - various dockets
Contracted amount: Not to exceed \$225,000 (FY 2013-15 contract); \$135,000 (FY 2015-16 contract)
2015 Billed Amounts: \$67,827.32 (FY 2013-15 contract); \$88,796.30 (FY 2015-16 contract)

Exponent Inc.

OSBM Approval: March 25, 2014
Purpose: Avoided Cost proceeding - Docket No. E-100, Sub140
Contracted amount: Not to exceed \$60,000
2015 Billed Amount: \$1,640.01

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Christensen Associates Energy Consulting, LLC

OSBM Approval: January 23, 2015

Purpose: Purchase of Generating Assets Duke Energy Progress (DEP) -
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1067, and Docket No. E-48, Sub 8

Contracted amount: Not to exceed \$109,500.00

2015 Billed Amount: \$64,657.00

Please contact me at (919) 733-2435 if you have any questions.