IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

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DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Defendant.

STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the undersigned parties, subject to approval and entry by the Court, that:

- 1. Defendant waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction for purposes of this action. The Defendant also waives service of summons of the Complaint.
- 2. The parties stipulate that a proposed Final Judgment in the form attached as Exhibit A may be filed with and entered by the Court, upon the motion of any party or upon the Court's own motion, at any time after compliance with the requirements of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act ("APPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 16, and without further notice to any party or other proceedings, provided that the United States has not withdrawn its consent, which it may do at any time before the entry of the proposed Final Judgment by serving notice thereof on the Defendant and by filing that notice with the Court.
- 3. The Defendant agrees to arrange, at its expense, publication as quickly as possible of the newspaper notice required by the APPA, which shall be drafted by the United States in its sole discretion. The publication shall be arranged no later than three business days after the Defendant's receipt from the United States of the text of the notice and the identity of the

newspaper within which the publication shall be made. The Defendant shall promptly send to the United States (1) confirmation that publication of the newspaper notice has been arranged, and (2) the certification of the publication prepared by the newspaper within which the notice was published.

- 4. This Stipulation shall apply with equal force and effect to any amended proposed Final Judgment agreed upon in writing by the parties and submitted to the Court.
- 5. In the event (1) the United States has withdrawn its consent, as provided in Paragraph 2 above, or (2) the proposed Final Judgment is not entered pursuant to this Stipulation, the time has expired for all appeals of any court ruling declining entry of the proposed Final Judgment, and the Court has not otherwise ordered continued compliance with the terms and provisions of the proposed Final Judgment, then the parties are released from all further obligations under this Stipulation, and the making of this Stipulation shall be without prejudice to any party in this or any other proceeding.
- 6. The Defendant represents that the payment it is required to make pursuant to the proposed Final Judgment can and will be accomplished, and that the Defendant will later raise no claim of mistake, hardship or difficulty of compliance as grounds for asking the Court to modify any of the provisions contained therein.

Dated: January 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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