

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** January 4, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Resolution – In Support of Duke Energy Western Carolina Modernization Project

**PRESENTER:** Steve Wyatt, County Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Resolution

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

With their decision to cancel plans for new Foothills transmission lines to serve the energy needs of western North Carolina, Duke Energy has investigated alternative means of providing energy to the region. Two natural gas combined-cycle 280-megawatt units, with the option for a simple-cycle 190-megawatt unit in 2023 or later, depending on the success of the company and community's efforts to reduce daily and peak power demand, and a utility-scale solar power plant is proposed to replace the old coal fired generator system as part of the Western Carolinas Modernization Project. The Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt a Resolution in support of the Duke Energy Western Carolina Modernization Project, and endorse the approval of said project to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Duke Energy Western Carolina Modernization Project.*

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## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT DUKE ENERGY WESTERN CAROLINA MODERNIZATION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Duke Energy plans to file an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Western Carolina Modernization Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project consists of new natural gas fired generators to replace the old coal fired generator system; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas is an American produced resource, integral to the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the complex issue of burning coal will be resolved by this modernization project; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of Western North Carolina for plentiful and reliable energy will be met for the foreseeable future through this modernization project; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for the new Foothills transmission lines and the negative impact those would have is mitigated by this modernization project; and

**WHEREAS**, Duke Energy has committed to evaluating and pursuing alternative energy sources to meet the needs of Western North Carolina with this modernization project; and

**WHEREAS**, the economy of Henderson County, indeed all aspects of our way of life are dependent on affordable and reliable electricity supply;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, fully and whole heartedly support Duke Energy in its efforts to construct and operate a 752 Megawatt Natural Gas Fueled Electric Generator facility, known as the Western Carolina Modernization Project, and respectfully endorse the approval of said project to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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THOMAS H. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD