



VIA HAND DELIVERY

March 13, 2014

Honorable Patrick Cannon, Mayor  
Mr. Ron Carlee, City Manager  
City of Charlotte  
600 East 4th Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

**Re: Proposed Fully-Lined Engineered Structural Fill at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport**

Dear Mayor Cannon and Manager Carlee:

Duke Energy and Charah continue exploring options for beneficially reusing ash from the Riverbend Steam Station. The purpose of this letter is to invite the City of Charlotte ("City") to formally engage with us in due diligence to evaluate whether property owned by the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport ("Charlotte Airport") is a suitable location for lined engineered structural fill opportunities ("Project"). As discussed with the City during the preliminary discussions last year, the proposed Project involves removing coal ash from unlined ash ponds at the Riverbend Steam Station and placing the ash in a fully-lined engineered structural fill on the Charlotte Airport property in which the ash will be encapsulated in accordance with the requirements of Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S. Code Chapter 82, Subchapter IV § 6941 et seq. This design exceeds current standards required for structural fills and complies with the proposed federal Coal Combustion Residuals ("CCR") Rule.

We believe the Project will benefit the City by allowing for an environmentally sound solution and use for all the coal ash from the Riverbend Steam Station, while providing the Charlotte Airport with graded land that can be used for future development. Charah is presently constructing a similar project at the Asheville Regional Airport, which has been under construction for approximately four (4) years. For your reference, we have enclosed articles providing additional background on the Asheville project and fact sheets about Charah and structural fill projects.

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Please let us know if we can provide any additional information and/or documentation to the City in connection with its due diligence of the Project. We stand ready to discuss the Project before upcoming meetings of the City Council and the Council's Environment Committee. In addition, should any City officials be interested in seeing the Asheville project first hand, we can arrange a site tour upon request. In this regard, please contact Walter Price at Moore & Van Allen, PLLC with any requests for additional information or documentation or to arrange a site visit to the Asheville project. Walter Price may be reached at (704) 331-2388 or [walterprice@mvalaw.com](mailto:walterprice@mvalaw.com).

Thank you for the City's consideration of this request, and we look forward to answering your questions and learning more through this process.

Sincerely,



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Charah, Inc.

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