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Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated May 16, 2011 to

Prospectus dated September 29, 2010

Registration Statement No. 333-169633-03

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds,

\$500,000,000 3.90% Series due 2021

Pricing Term Sheet

Issuer: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Security Description: First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, 3.90% Series due 2021

Principal Amount: \$500,000,000

Ratings (Moody s/S&P): A1/A (stable/stable)

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subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Trade Date: May 16, 2011

Settlement Date: May 19, 2011; T + 3

Maturity Date: June 15, 2021

Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15, beginning on December 15, 2011

Price to Public: 99.898% per Bond

Coupon: 3.90%

Benchmark Treasury: 3.125% due May 15, 2021

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 3.162%

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Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +75 bps

Yield to Maturity: 3.912%

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Optional Redemption At any time before three months prior to maturity, redeemable at the Treasury Rate +

15 bps. At any time on or after three months prior to maturity, redeemable at par.

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Joint Book-Running Managers: Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

RBS Securities Inc.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Co-Managers: Banca IMI S.p.A.

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