



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

November 15, 2016

M. Lynn Jarvis
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-2, Sub 1113 – Duke Energy Progress, LLC –
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity
to Construct Approximately 6.91 Miles of New 230-kV Transmission
Line in Carteret County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

On August 3, 2017, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, filed an application pursuant to G.S. 62-100 et seq., for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct a transmission line in Carteret County, North Carolina. The Public Staff has reviewed the application filed by Duke Energy Progress in the above-captioned docket. Based upon our investigation of the application, exhibits, and other matters of record, the Public Staff believes that Duke Energy Progress has complied with the requirements of G.S. 62-102, and has demonstrated as required by G.S. 62-105 that the proposed transmission line is necessary and that when compared reasonable alternative courses of action, construction of the line in the proposed location is reasonable, preferred, and in the public interest, that the estimated costs associated with the line are reasonable, that the impact of the line on the environment is justified considering the state of available technology, and that the environmental compatibility, public convenience, and necessity requires the transmission line.

Based on its investigation and review of the application, the Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue the certificate requested in this

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proceeding once the Commission receives a letter from the State Clearinghouse stating no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission is required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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