

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1276

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, )  
for Approval of Renewable Energy )  
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard )  
Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to )  
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission )  
Rule R8-67 )

ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,  
ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,  
CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS  
HEARING, AND REQUIRING  
PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 7, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to be held on September 21, 2021. On August 31, 2021, the Commission issued a revised Scheduling Order confirming that the public witness hearing will be held in person on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., and rescheduling the expert witness hearing to be held remotely on Webex beginning at 10:30 a.m. on that date. Expert witness testimony was filed in this docket by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and the Public Staff.

On September 14, 2021, DEP and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the September 21, 2021 expert witness hearing and accept the expert witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants stated that they have consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEP's and the Public Staff's witnesses, and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse all DEP and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before October 21, 2021, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk