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May 21, 2020

Ms. Kimberley Campbell
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 18-E-4600-0076; Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Certificate to construct approximately 11.5 miles of New 230-kV Transmission Line in Johnston Co. Docket # E-2, Sub 1150.

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been reviewed through the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

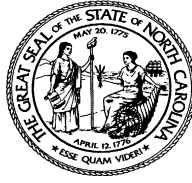
Attached to this letter are **additional comments** made in the review of this document. Because of the nature of the comments, it has been determined that no further State Clearinghouse review action on your part is needed for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The attached comments should be taken into consideration in project development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Crystal Best".

Crystal Best
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Region J



**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office**

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

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May 20, 2020

Gail Tyner
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Gail.Tyner@duke-energy.com

Re: 11.5 Miles of New 230-kV Transmission Line in Johnston County, ER 17-1334

Dear Ms. Tyner:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2020, concerning the above referenced project. We have reviewed the information provided and offer the following comments.

There are no previously recorded archaeological sites within the project area. However, most of this route has not been surveyed to identify archaeological sites. As the proposed transmission line crosses uplands associated with Black Creek, Middle Creek, and their tributaries, significant unrecorded archaeological sites may be present in the project area.

In a letter dated August 22, 2017, we recommended that the project area be surveyed to identify and evaluate the significance of archaeological sites that may be damaged or destroyed by the proposed project. However, since you indicate that the project as presently designed does not require federal involvement, there is no federal agency for which such a survey will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Should project designs change, or if federal involvement become necessary for the completion of this project, we recommend the revised plans be submitted to this office for review and comment.

Please note that archaeological sites may contain human graves. Should human remains be discovered in the project area, the provisions of North Carolina General Statute Chapter 70, Article 3 apply. All ground disturbing activities should immediately stop and the county medical examiner contacted.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comments, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



 Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Crystal Best, North Carolina Department of Administration crystal.best@doa.nc.gov