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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony Docket No. E-2, Sub 1323

Dear Ms. Dunston:

With this letter, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") advises the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") that the Company is not filing rebuttal testimony in this proceeding.

On August 29, 2023, the Public Staff filed two Notices of Affidavit along with the affidavits of Jeff T. Thomas, Engineer, Electric Section – Operations and Planning, Energy Division, and Darrus K. Cofield, Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst, Accounting Division. Public Staff affiant Thomas's affidavit presents the results of the Public Staff Energy Division's investigation of DEP's CPRE Rider Revenue requirements and calculations and recommends that the Commission approve the Billing Period rates in the Company's application and testimony filed on June 13, 2023. Affiant Thomas also discusses the Public Staff's review of DEP's CPRE Program Report. Public Staff affiant Cofield describes the Public Staff's investigation of the CPRE Rider revenue requirements and calculations proposed by DEP in its application filed in this proceeding on June 13, 2023.

In light of the Public Staff's recommendations and that no other party filed testimony, the Company is filing this letter in lieu of rebuttal testimony in this proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ladawn S. Toon

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing <u>Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony</u>, as filed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1323 was served electronically upon all parties of record.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

/s/ E. Brett Breitschwerdt

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