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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

## RE: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DE Progress or the "Company") are its *Motion for Approval of Notice Required to Implement Temporary Rates and Motion for Approval of Undertaking*. Per this filing, in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135, DE Progress is seeking to exercise its statutory right to implement temporary rates subject to refund.

Early in the pandemic, the Company implemented a sweeping series of steps to help our customers, given the financial burdens they were about to face from this health crisis. The Company stopped disconnecting service for non-payment, for example, and waived certain fees, helping provide some measure of relief to customers in these anxious times. It was in that spirit that DE Progress also proactively sought to delay its North Carolina rate case – and a potential rate increase needed to cover investments made to ensure the highest quality of service to our customers. As a result, new rates will go into effect much later than originally planned. That delay was the right choice at a challenging time, but it has also left the Company with a financial gap.

To address this unprecedented situation, the Company is proposing a solution that recognizes the conditions of our customers, while maintaining the financial health of the Company. By also requesting approval to flow back to customers the impacts of federal tax reform prior to the Commission's final determination in this case, DE Progress will offset new temporary rates – resulting in a net-zero bill increase for almost all customers. This allows the Company to realize some returns on important investments based on the interim base rates, while not impacting most customer bills.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely, Camal O. Robinson

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

#### DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina	<ul> <li>MOTION FOR APPROVAL</li> <li>OF NOTICE REQUIRED</li> <li>BY N.C. GEN. STAT. §</li> <li>62-135 TO IMPLEMENT</li> <li>TEMPORARY RATES,</li> <li>SUBJECT TO REFUND,</li> <li>AND AUTHORIZATION</li> <li>OF EDIT RIDERS</li> </ul>
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NOW COMES Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DE Progress" or the "Company"), pursuant to North Carolina General Statute ("N.C. Gen. Stat.") § 62-135 and Rule R1-7 of the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission"), and requests the approvals and relief identified herein to satisfy the procedural requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 to implement temporary rates on or after September 1, 2020. Specifically, DE Progress requests the Commission issue an Order approving the Company's proposed notice to its customers via publication (the "Notice") included as <u>Attachment A</u> to this Motion and grant any other relief the Commission determines necessary for DE Progress to implement temporary rates, as well as authorize the implementation of the temporary Excess Deferred Income Tax ("EDIT") EDIT-2 Rider to become effective, on or after September 1, 2020.

The temporary rates to be recovered, subject to refund, through the interim rates and charges planned to become effective on or after September 1, 2020, are based on and consistent with the base rate component of the Second Agreement and Stipulation of Partial

Settlement ("Second Partial Settlement") with the Public Staff, filed on July 31, 2020. The temporary rates to be recovered, subject to refund, exclude the following litigated items: the recovery of deferred coal ash compliance costs subject to asset retirement obligation accounting and implementation of new depreciation rates. The Company will not begin the amortization or implementation of these items until a final order is issued in the rate case and new permanent base rates are implemented. These items will also be excluded when determining whether a refund of amounts collected through these temporary rates is needed. In addition, the Company also seeks authorization to place a temporary EDIT-2 Rider into effect on or after September 1, 2020, to offset the effect of the temporary rate increase in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The temporary EDIT-2 Rider is separate from and not representative of the EDIT-2 Rider proposed in the rate case and is not based on the terms agreed to in the Second Partial Settlement. The temporary EDIT-2 Rider will expire and the proposed EDIT-2 Rider consistent with the Second Partial Settlement, if approved by the Commission, will be implemented and effective once an order is received and permanent rates are implemented in this case. The proposed EDIT-2 Rider will be adjusted for EDIT returned through the temporary EDIT-2 Rider as shown in Smith Second Partial Settlement Exhibit 4.

DE Progress respectfully requests the Commission approve the Notice on or before August 14, 2020, in order for the Company to timely provide the Notice to the various newspapers for circulation. The Public Staff has reviewed and provided input to the Notice proposed herein and does not object to the form of the Notice or to the Company's request to implement the temporary EDIT-2 Rider. In support of this Motion, the Company states the following:

On October 30, 2019, DE Progress filed its Application to Adjust Retail 1. Rates, Request for An Accounting Order and to Consolidate Dockets with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and increase its general rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina, effective November 29, 2019 ("Application"). The Application requested a base rate increase in the Company's retail revenues of approximately \$585.9 million. The Application explained that the requested increase is partially offset by additional rider adjustments, including (a) a net rate reduction of \$120.2 million to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the 2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Job Act (the "Tax Act") and the reduction in North Carolina's statecorporate tax rate, through a change to the existing EDIT-1 Rider and the proposed implementation of a new EDIT-2 Rider; and (b) a rate reduction of \$2.1 million related to the proposed Regulatory Asset and Liability Rider, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$463.6 million, or approximately 12.3 percent. In addition, the Application notified the Commission of the Company's intent to update its Application with estimates of changes to revenues, expenses, rate base, and cost of capital up to the time the hearing is closed. Presuming the Commission may suspend the proposed rates, DE Progress requested that rates become effective by no later than September 1, 2020.

2. On November 14, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Establishing General Rate Case, and Suspending Rates*, which, declared this proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended the proposed rates for up to 270 days.

3. On December 6, 2019, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates, and Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice, which, among other things, required the Company's updates to its actual revenues, expenses, rate base, and cost of capital for the period ending February 29, 2020 to be filed on or before March 13, 2020. The order also scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the Company's Application for May 4, 2020.

4. On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 declaring a State of Emergency in North Carolina to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In so doing, the Governor ordered state agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Executive Order. By subsequent executive orders, the Governor restricted non-essential movement of the State's residents and, ultimately, prohibited mass gatherings of more than 10 persons to limit the spread of COVID-19 (the "COVID-19 Pandemic").

5. On March 13, 2020, the Company filed its Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Shana W. Angers, Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Kimberly D. McGee, Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Michael J. Pirro, and Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Kim H. Smith. The Company's testimony, among other things, provided updates to DE Progress' base fuel factors, but explained that these updates did not affect the Company's requested rate increase.

6. On March 24, 2020, in response to a request by the Public Staff for an extension of time to file testimony, the Commission issued an *Order Suspending Procedural Schedule and Continuing Hearing sua sponte* suspending the procedural schedule and continuing the expert witness hearing scheduled to begin on May 4, 2020, due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic

7. On April 3, 2020, DE Progress filed a motion requesting that the Commission issue an order addressing several procedural issues, including ordering the

partial resumption of the procedural schedule. The Company's motion also gave notice of its prospective waiver of its right to seek to implement its original proposed rates by operation of N.C.G.S. § 62-134(b) in the event that the postponement of the hearing renders it infeasible for the Commission to issue an order prior to the rate suspension period under N.C.G.S. § 62-134, subject to the Company's right to implement temporary rates under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 and to seek appropriate accounting treatment relief thereof.

8. On April 7, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Addressing Procedural Matters*, which, among other things, found good cause to partially resume the procedurally schedule in this case and accept DE Progress' prospective waiver of its right to seek to implement its original proposed rates by operation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134(b) in the event that the postponement of the hearing renders it infeasible for the Commission to issue an order prior to the rate suspension period under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134.

9. On May 6, 2020, the Public Staff, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DE Carolinas") and DE Progress jointly moved for the Commission to issue an order scheduling one consolidated evidentiary hearing to consider the companies' rate case applications

10. On June 2, 2020, the Company filed a Partial Settlement Agreement with the Public Staff. The Company also filed its Settlement Supporting Testimony of Stephen G. De May and Kim H. Smith. The testimony supporting the Partial Settlement Agreement with the Public Staff requested an updated revenue increase from base rates of \$412.8 million. In addition, the Company requested that customer rates be reduced by \$91 million through its proposed riders, resulting in an updated net proposed increase in revenue of

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\$321.6 million. This updated revenue increase resulted in a \$142.0 million reduction from the amount proposed in the Company's Application.

11. On June 17, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Procedures for Expert Witness Hearings* in the present docket and in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214, the general rate case application of DE Carolinas. Among other things, the order scheduled a consolidated expert witness hearing to commence on July 27, 2020, for the purpose of considering testimony on topics for which the evidence is identical in both the DE Carolinas and DE Progress cases, to be followed by a separate DE Carolinas hearing and separate DE Progress hearing.

12. On June 22, 2020, DE Progress filed a Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Impacts of its Suspended Rate Case in Lieu of Implementing Temporary Rates Under Bond. DE Progress' petition explained that the delay in its opportunity to place new, permanent rates into effect due to the COVID-19 Pandemic impairs its ability to begin collecting sufficient revenues to recover its costs incurred since 2018 to provide safe and reliable electric service to its customers, thereby potentially causing material financial harm to the Company.<sup>1</sup> The petition noted that one mechanism to address the negative financial consequences is through the implementation of temporary rates pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135, but explained that because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its economic impacts, DE Progress views temporary rates as a last resort. In lieu of instituting temporary rates, the Company therefore requested that the Commission allow it to establish a regulatory asset/liability account to record the difference between revenues under present rates and those that would be collected from implementing temporary rates under bond.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company explained that the longer the regulatory lag in granting the Company's requested increase, the more detrimental the impact will be on the Company's financial condition.

13. On July 2, 2020 DE Progress filed its Second Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Kim H. Smith and Second Supplemental Direct Testimony of Michael J. Pirro updating its proposed revenue requirement to incorporate known and measurable changes through May 31, 2020, as permitted by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133(c). Subsequently, on July 9, 2020, DE Progress filed Corrections to the Second Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Kim H. Smith. The Company's testimony explained that, if the Commission approved several settlements with certain intervenors, DE Progress requests a revenue increase from base rates of \$389.4 million.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Company requested that customer rates be reduced by \$79.8 million through its two proposed EDIT riders and Regulatory Asset and Liability rider. As a result of these updates, the Company proposed a net increase in revenue of \$309.6 million, \$154.0 million less than the amount initially proposed in the Company's Application.

14. On July 10, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Denying Deferral of Revenue*, denying the Company's Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Impacts of its Suspended Rate Case in Lieu of Implementing Temporary Rates Under Bond. The Commission found that there was not good cause to approve DE Progress' use of deferral accounting and stating that "the legislature has provided a mechanism for utilities to temporarily adjust rates during the pendency of a general rate case pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-135."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On July 9, 2020, the Company filed Corrections to the Second Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Kim H. Smith, correcting errors in the Second Supplemental Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Kim H. Smith filed on July 2, 2020. The figures listed above in Paragraph Thirteen (13) reflect the corrections filed on July 9, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order Denying Deferral of Revenue, at 5, Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219 (July 10, 2020).

15. On July 27, 2020, the Company, together with DE Carolinas and the Public Staff filed a Joint Motion to Postpone Hearing and Additional Procedural Deadlines. On that same day, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Joint Motion and Further Rescheduling Consolidated, Remote Hearing* rescheduling the consolidated, remote hearing in the above-captioned proceeding to begin on August 24, 2020.

16. On July 31, 2020, the Company filed the Second Partial Settlement with the Public Staff. Pursuant to the Second Partial Settlement, the Company is requesting an updated revenue increase from base rates of approximately \$409 million, to be reduced by \$147 million through its proposed riders. These updated rates result in an approximate net proposed increase in revenue of \$262 million, a \$202 million reduction from the amount proposed in the Company's Application.

17. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(a) authorizes a public utility to place proposed rates into effect on a temporary basis, upon the expiration of six months after the date when such rates would have become effective, if not so suspended.<sup>4</sup> The temporary rate authority granted to public utilities in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 is subject to the approvals, parameters, and requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(a)-(d).

18. In order to implement temporary rates on September 1, 2020, notice must be provided to the Commission and customers by August 21, 2020. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(a) (requiring the utility to notify the Commission and its consumers not less than 10 days prior to the day when proposed temporary rates shall be placed in effect). In order to assure compliance with the statutory requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135, DE Progress hereby provides notice to the Commission of its intent to place its increased rates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> September 1, 2020 is at least six months after November 29, 2019, which is the date that DE Progress proposed its new rates and charges would become effective, unless suspended by the Commission.

and charges into effect on a temporary basis on or after September 1, 2020. DE Progress will also notify customers by publishing the Notice in newspapers of general circulation in its service territory on or before August 21, 2020.

19. The proposed temporary rates to be made effective on or after September 1, 2020, will not result in an increase of twenty percent (20%) or more for any single-rate classification. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(b). The level of rates and charges planned to be made effective September 1, 2020, for each customer class will be filed with the Commission prior to temporary rate implementation. The Company plans to file tariffs with the Commission identifying the rates and charges that the Company plans to begin billing for usage on and after September 1, 2020, on a temporary basis, subject to refund.

20. As described above, the Company also seeks authorization to place a temporary decrement EDIT-2 Rider into effect on or after September 1, 2020, in order to offset the effect of the temporary rate increase in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

21. The Public Staff has reviewed and provided input to the Notice and requested rate authorization presented herein and does not object to its form or DE Progress' request in this Motion to implement a temporary EDIT-2 Rider.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Company's Notice, included as <u>Attachment A</u> to this Motion, on or before August 14, 2020, authorize the Company to place the temporary EDIT-2 Rider into effect on or after September 1, 2020, and provide any further relief the Commission deems necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted, this the 7th day of August, 2020.

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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#### ATTACHMENT A

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

### DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after September 1, 2020, increased rates and charges of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") shall become effective on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pursuant to authority granted to the Company in N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-135. The temporary increase will reflect an increase in base revenues of approximately \$206.1 million annually. The Company is also implementing a temporary Excess Deferred Income Tax ("EDIT-2") Rider on or after September 1, 2020, which will offset the base rate increase by returning approximately \$206.1 million annually of deferred federal tax liability to customers. The temporary EDIT-2 Rider will not be subject to refund.

On October 30, 2019, DE Progress filed its Application to Adjust Retail Rates, Request for An Accounting Order and to Consolidate Dockets with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and increase its general rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina, effective November 29, 2019 ("Application"). The Application requested a base rate increase in the Company's retail revenues of approximately \$585.9 million. The Application explained that the requested increase is partially offset by additional rider adjustments, including (a) a net rate reduction of \$120.2 million to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the 2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Job Act (the "Tax Act") and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, through a change to the existing EDIT-1 Rider and the proposed implementation of a new EDIT-2 Rider; and (b) a rate reduction of \$2.1 million related to the proposed Regulatory Asset and Liability Rider, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$463.6 million, or approximately 12.3 percent. In addition, the Application notified the Commission of the Company's intent to update its Application with estimates of changes to revenues, expenses, rate base, and cost of capital up to the time the hearing is closed. Presuming the Commission may suspend the proposed rates, DE Progress requested that rates become effective by no later than September 1, 2020.

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The Temporary Rate Changes are not final rates, and remain subject to the Commission's final determination of the just and reasonable rates to be charged by Duke Energy Progress, LLC on a permanent basis. On August [\_\_], 2020, the Commission issued an Order approving Duke Energy Progress, LLC's financial undertaking to make refund to customers of any amount of temporary rates determined by the Commission in its final Order to be excessive.

The Commission has held public hearings on the Company's application in Rockingham on February 27, 2020, Raleigh on March 2, 2020, Wilmington on March 3, 2020 and Snow Hill on March 4, 2020, and in Asheville on March 12, 2020.

Customer Class	Present Revenues with all Riders	Proposed Revenues with all Riders	Percentage Change
Residential	\$1,953,518,334	\$1,953,518,334	0.0%
Small General Service	\$257,169,820	\$257,169,820	0.0%
Small General Service – Constant Load	\$4,632,051	\$4,632,051	0.0%
Medium General Service	\$949,839,960	\$949,824,943	0.0%
Large General Service	\$573,354,503	\$573,345,341	0.0%
Seasonal and Intermittent Service	\$5,428,873	\$5,428,873	0.0%
Traffic Signal	\$556,523	\$556,523	0.0%
Outdoor Lighting	\$92,900,350	\$92,900,350	0.0%
Sports Field Lighting Service	\$216,540	\$216,540	0.0%
Overall	\$3,837,616,954	\$3,837,592,774	0.0%

# EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATE CHANGE<sup>1</sup>

The increases within the above-listed rate classes vary depending on individual rate schedule.

# EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

For existing residential customers served under Schedule RES, the proposed rates (including the effects of all riders) would change the bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, as follows:

Existing	Proposed	Change (\$)	Change
(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(%)
\$120.44	\$120.44	\$0.00	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Effect of Temporary Rate Change table shows the revenue increase resulting from the implementation of interim rates based on test year sales. Both revenue columns include revenues associated with the Company's various riders in effect as of October 1, 2019. Those riders include: Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider, Renewable Portfolio Standard Rider, Joint Agency Asset Recovery Rider, Experience Modification Fuel Rider, Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-1, and Fuel EMF Deficiency Rider. Additionally, the proposed revenue column includes the Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Effect of Rates table shows the change in bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month on Schedule RES. Both the Existing and Proposed columns include the Company's various riders in effect October 1, 2019. Those riders include: Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider, Renewable Portfolio Standard Rider, Joint Agency Asset Recovery Rider, Experience Modification Fuel Rider, Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-1, and Fuel EMF Deficiency Rider. Additionally, the proposed column includes the Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-2.

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and the rate schedule by which they receive service.

## PROPOSED RATE DESIGN/RATE SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Temporary Rate Change will not include certain modifications to the Company's tariffs, as initially requested in the Company's application. The Company will defer implementation of the following changes until final approval is received from the Commission: Proposed service charge changes in the Company's Service Regulations, significant wording changes in the Company's Streetlight Service Regulations and accompanying wording changes in the outdoor lighting rate schedules, the non-residential bill due date change from fifteen (15) days to twenty-five (25) days, implementation of Rider RAL, and minor clarifying edits to the Company's Distribution Line Extension Plan and the Service Regulations. These changes are proposed to become effective when permanent rates become effective as approved by the Commission.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

A list of present rates, together with details of the Temporary Rates Change, can be obtained at the business offices of DEC or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the application is available for review. These materials, as well as pleadings, the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of all parties, the transcripts of all hearings, briefs, and proposed orders, may be viewed as they become available on the Commission's web site at <u>www.ncuc.net</u>. Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1219.

In addition, a detailed list that compares DEC's present and proposed rates is available on the Public Staff Electric Division's website at: <u>http://files.nc.gov/pubstaff/DE2019ratecase.pdf</u>

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEC's rate request via the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html">https://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html</a>. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

> Mr. Christopher J. Ayers Executive Director Public Staff-NC Utilities Commission 4326 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

> The Honorable Josh Stein Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the \_\_\_ day of August, 2020.

## NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

**NOTE TO PRINTER**: DE Progress shall pay advertising costs. It is required that an Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by DE Progress.