

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1173

In the Matter of:)
) **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS,**
) **LLC's MOTION TO EXCUSE**
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,) **WITNESSES**
R8-55 Relating to Fuel and Fuel-Related)
Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities)
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Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”), by and through its counsel, hereby moves the Commission for an Order excusing the appearance of witnesses Kendra A. Ward, Eric Grant, Kenneth D. Church, Kelvin Henderson and Joseph A. Miller, Jr. at the hearing scheduled in this proceeding for Tuesday, September 18, 2018. In support of this request, DEP respectfully shows the Commission as follows:

1. This proceeding is DEP’s request relating to fuel and fuel-related charge adjustments.
2. On June 20, 2018, DEP filed an application for fuel charge adjustment with testimony and exhibits of the five above-referenced witnesses.
3. On August 29, 2018, the Public Staff filed Affidavits of Dustin Metz and Jenny Li pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-68. DEP agrees to waive its right to cross-examine the Public Staff’s witnesses.
4. Counsel for DEP has conferred with counsel of the Public Staff and all other parties with respect to this request. The Public Staff and the other parties have no objection to DEP’s request.

5. The Public Staff and the other parties have agreed to waive-cross examination of DEP's five above-referenced witnesses, to consent to introduction of the Application with Exhibits and, witnesses' testimony with exhibits into the record without the necessity of their appearances, and to excuse the witnesses from appearance at the hearing of this matter.
6. DEP and the Public Staff agree that pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-68, if no requests to cross-examine the Public Staff's affiants are filed on or before Thursday, September 13, 2018, the right to cross-examine such affiants would be waived and the affidavits, if introduced into evidence, would be given the same effect as if the affiant had testified orally.

WHEREFORE, DEP respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order (1) excusing the appearances of Kendra A. Ward, Eric Grant, Kenneth D. Church, Kelvin Henderson and Joseph A. Miller, Jr. at the hearing scheduled in this proceeding for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 and (2) accept DEP's Application for Fuel Charge Adjustment and the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Kendra A. Ward, Eric Grant, Kenneth D. Church, Kelvin Henderson and Joseph A. Miller, Jr. into the record of this proceeding without requiring their appearance.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of Sept, 2018.

By: _____


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, Inc.'s Motion to Excuse Witnesses has been served by electronic mail (e-mail), hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This, the 17th day of Sept, 2018.



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