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353 EAST SIX FORKS ROAD, SUITE 260  
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September 20, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

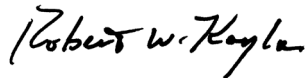
**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Affidavits of Publication  
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1276**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the Affidavits of Publication for the Public Notice related to the Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") for approval of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider. DEP published the Notice in newspapers having general coverage in its service area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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Sep 20 2021

The  
Courier-Tribune

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Carolina,  
Randolph County

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify the  
advertisement attached  
hereto has been published in

The Courier Tribune  
on the following dates:

8-3-21  
8-10-21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to on this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of Aug, 2021.

Brenda Peck

Courier-Tribune Representative

Sworn to and Subscribed  
Before me this 11 day  
of Aug, 2021.

Amy T. Spencer  
Notary Public



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1276  
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of July, 2021.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston  
A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk

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# CITIZEN-TIMES

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

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Sep 20 2021

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

BUNCOMBE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared said legal clerk, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he/she is the **Legal Clerk of The Asheville Citizen-Times**, engaged in publication of a newspaper known as **The Asheville Citizen-Times**, published, issued, and entered as first class mail in the City of Asheville, in Buncombe County and State of North Carolina; that he/she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached here to, was published in **The Asheville Citizen-Times** on the following date(s) 8/4/2021-8/11/2021. And that the said newspaper in which said notice, paper, document or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021



Legal Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before the 11th of August, 2021



Notary Public of State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

My Commission expires.

(828) 232-5830 | (828) 253-5092 FAX  
14 O. HENRY AVE. | P.O. BOX 2090 | ASHEVILLE, NC 28802 | (800) 800-4204

NANCY HEYRMAN  
Notary Public  
State of Wisconsin

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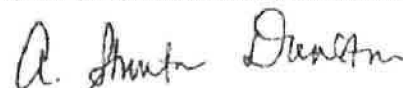
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk

AFFP  
E-2, SUB 1276

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STATE OF NC }                      SS  
COUNTY OF HARNETT }

The Undersigned, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Representative of the The Daily Record, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Dunn, Harnett County, NC; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

August 03, 2021, August 10, 2021

This newspaper is qualified for legal advertising in accordance with N.C.G.S. 1-597 AND 1-598

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Martha E Jones-Carter  
Representative

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 10th day of August 2021.

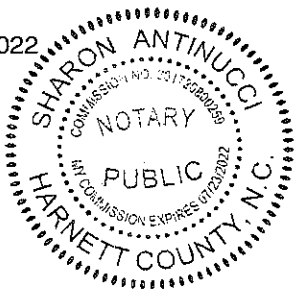
Sharon Antinucci

, Harnett County, NC

My commission expires: July 23, 2022

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TDR - Classifieds Dawn Sutton  
DUKE ENERGY -  
410 S WILMINGTON ST.  
NCRH 20  
RALEIGH, NC 27601



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NORTH CAROLINA  
Cumberland County

DUKE ENERGY BUSINESS SERVICES  
410 S WILMINGTON ST, NCRH 20  
RALEIGH, NC 27601

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and authorized to administer oaths, affirmations, etc., personally appeared said Legal Clerk. Who, being duly sworn or affirmed, according to law, doth depose and say that he/she is a LEGAL CLERK of DB North Carolina Holdings, Inc., a corporation organized and doing business under the Laws of the State of Delaware, and publishing a newspaper known as the FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, in the city of Fayetteville, County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina, and that as such he/she makes this affidavit; that he/she is familiar with the books, files and business of said Corporation and by reference to the files of said publication the attached advertisement was inserted in the aforesaid newspaper in space and on dates as follows:

August 3, 2021, August 10, 2021

and at the time of publication The Fayetteville Observer was a newspaper meeting all the requirements and qualifications prescribed by Sec. No. 1-597 G.S. of N.C.

The above is correctly copied from the books and files of the aforesaid corporation and publication.

Al But  
Legal Clerk

Amy Kokott  
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

6/30/2025  
My commission expires

sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by this the  
20th day of September, 2021.

FEE: \$2513.70  
AD #: 0005250704

AMY KOKOTT  
Notary Public  
State of Wisconsin

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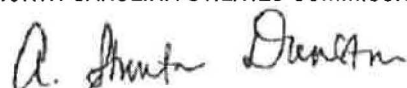
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COUNTY OF WAYNE }

SS

David Rouse, being duly sworn, says:

That he is David Rouse, Network Manager of the  
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August 03, 2021, August 10, 2021

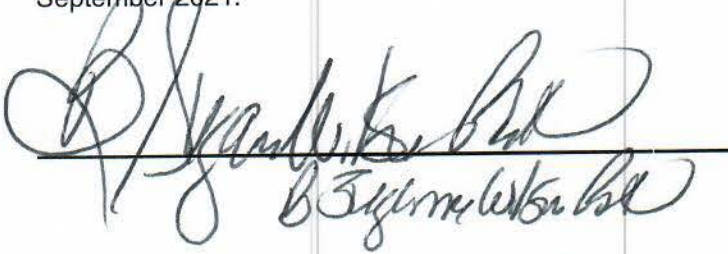
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SIGNED:



David Rouse, Network Manager

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 15th day of  
September 2021.



My commission expires:

11-21-2024

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Duke Energy  
410 S Wilmington St  
Mailcode: NCRH20  
Raleigh, NC 27601



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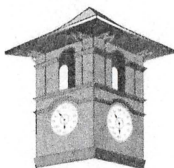
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August 3, 2021

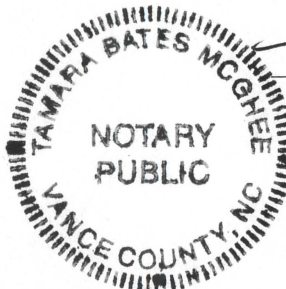
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This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2021

*Diane Robbins*

Diane Robbins

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
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*Tamara Bates McGhee*

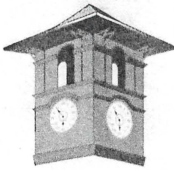
Tamara Bates McGhee

Notary Public

My commission expires:

May 28, 2023

Ad Info is  
attached.



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August 10, 2021

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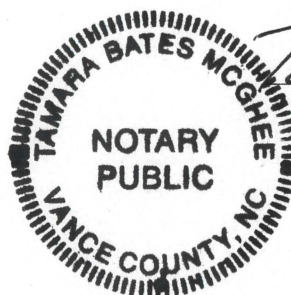
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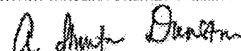
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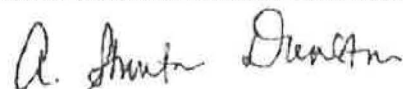
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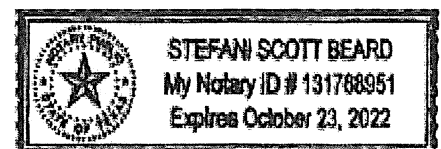
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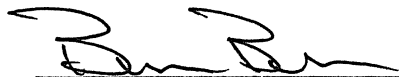
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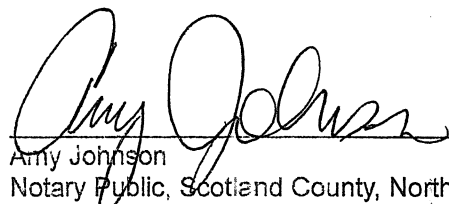
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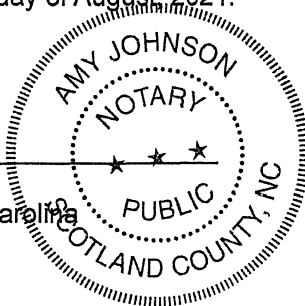


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# Landlords, tenants fill courts as eviction moratorium ends

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Gabe Imondi, a 74-year-old landlord from Rhode Island, had come to court hoping to get his apartment back. He was tired of waiting for federal rental assistance and wondered aloud “what they’re doing with that money?”

Hours later, Luis Vertentes, in a different case, was told by a judge he had three weeks to clear out of his one-bedroom apartment in nearby East Providence. The 43-year-old landscaper said he was four months behind on rent after being hospitalized for a time.

“I’m going to be homeless, all because of this pandemic,” Vertentes said. “I feel helpless, like I can’t do anything even though I work and I got a full-time job.”

Scenes like this played out from North Carolina to Virginia to Ohio and beyond Monday as the eviction system, which saw a dramatic drop in cases before a federal moratorium expired over the weekend, rumbled back into action. Activists fear millions will be tossed onto the streets as the delta variant of the coronavirus surges.

The Biden administration allowed the federal moratorium to expire over the weekend and Congress was unable to extend it.

But on Tuesday the administration appeared to offer a reprieve for many. The government planned to put in place a new eviction moratorium that would protect areas where 90% of the U.S. population lives, according to three people familiar with the plans, who insisted on anonymity to discuss the forthcoming announcement.

The move followed protests from Democratic lawmakers over the swift end to the moratorium as the delta variant of the coronavirus surges.

Historic amounts of rental assistance allocated by Congress had been expected to avert a crisis. But the distribution has been painfully slow: Only about \$3 billion of the first tranche of \$25 billion had been distributed through June by states and localities. A second amount of \$21.5 billion will go to the states.

More than 15 million people live in households that owe as much as \$20 billion to their landlords, according to the Aspen Institute. As of July 5, roughly 3.6 million peo-

ple in the U.S. said they faced eviction in the next two months, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey.

In Columbus, Ohio, Chelsea Rivera showed up Monday at a Franklin County court after receiving an eviction notice last month. A single mom, she’s behind \$2,988 in rent and late fees for the one-bedroom apartment she rents for herself and three young sons.

The 27-year-old said she started to struggle after her hours were cut in May at the Walmart warehouse where she worked. She’s applied to numerous agencies for help but they’re either out of money, have a waiting list, or not able to help until clients end up in court with an eviction notice.

Rivera said she’s preparing herself mentally to move into a shelter with her children.

“We just need help,” she said, fighting back tears. “It’s just been really hard with everyday issues on top of worrying about where you’re going to live.”

But there was more optimism in Virginia, where Tiara Burton, 23, learned she would be getting federal help and wouldn’t be evicted. She initially feared the worst when the moratorium lifted.

“That was definitely a worry yesterday,” said Burton, who lives in Virginia Beach. “If they’re going to start doing evictions again, then I’m going to be faced with having to figure out where me and my family are going to go. And that’s not something that anyone should have to worry about these days at all.”

She was relieved to learn she was approved for assistance through the Virginia Rent Relief Program. Her court hearing was postponed 30 days, during which time she and her landlord can presumably work things out.

“I’m grateful for that,” she said. “That’s another weight lifted off of my shoulders.”

For some tenants, getting assistance has proven impossible.

After her landlord refused federal assistance to cover \$5,000 in back rent, Antoinette Eleby, 42, of Miami, expects an eviction order within two to three weeks. She is sending her five children to live with her mother in another county.

“My main concern is that now that I have an eviction, how will I find another place? Some places will accept you and some will not,” said

Eleby, whose entire family got COVID-19 earlier this year.

Around the country, courts, legal advocates and law enforcement agencies had been gearing up for evictions to return to pre-pandemic levels, a time when 3.7 million people were displaced from their homes every year, or seven every minute, according to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University.

Some cities with the most cases, according to the Eviction Lab, are Phoenix with more than 42,000 eviction filings, Houston with more than 37,000, Las Vegas with nearly 27,000 and Tampa more than 15,000. Indiana and Missouri also have more than 80,000 filings.

While the moratorium was enforced in much of the country, there were states like Idaho where judges ignored it, said Ali Rabe, executive director of Jesse Tree, a non-profit that works to prevent evictions in the Boise metropolitan area. “Eviction courts ran as usual,” she said.

That was much the way things played out in parts of North Carolina, where on Monday Sgt. David Ruppe knocked on a weathered mobile home door in Cleveland County, a rural community an hour west of Charlotte.

“We haven’t seen much of a difference at all,” he said.

He waited a few minutes on the porch scattered with folding chairs and toys. Then a woman opened the door.

“How are you?” he asked quietly, then explained her landlord had started the eviction process. The woman told Ruppe she’d paid, and he said she’d need to bring proof to her upcoming Aug. 9 court date.

Ruppe, who has two young sons, said seeing families struggle day-after-day is tough.

“There’s only so much you can do,” he said. “So, if you can offer them a glimmer of hope, words of encouragement, especially if there’s kids involved. Being a father, I can relate to that.”

*Casey reported from Boston. Associated Press writers Ben Finley in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Andrew Welsh-Huggins in Columbus, Ohio; Sarah Morgan in Cleveland County, North Carolina, and Curt Anderson in St. Petersburg, Florida, contributed to this report.*



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**Luis Vertentes, a tenant from East Providence, R.I., stands before Judge Walter Gorman during an eviction hearing, Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, in Providence. Rhode Island tenants facing eviction after the lifting of a federal moratorium on being ousted for unpaid rent plead their case in court. Vertentes agreed to leave his residence, which he has not paid rent on in four months, in about three weeks.**



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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Approval of Joint Agency Asset Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.14 and Commission Rule R8-70 for Recovery of Joint Agency Asset Costs

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Duke Energy Progress filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding on June 15, 2021. The proposed JAAR for residential service is 0.482 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh), which would be an increase of 0.103 cents per kWh from the JAAR presently in effect, and would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$1.03. The proposed JAAR per kWh for other non-demand rate class customers is: 0.462 cents for Small General Service; 0.408 cents for Medium General Service; 0.651 cents for Seasonal and Intermittent Service; 0.277 cents for Traffic Signal Service; and no charge for Outdoor Lighting Service. The proposed JAAR per kilowatt for demand rate class customers is \$1.51 for Medium General Service and \$1.57 for Large General Service. The JAAR for all customer classes would be effective for service rendered on and after December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022.

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# Hornets agree to terms with Kelly Oubre Jr.

Steve Reed  
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets have agreed to terms with free agent small forward Kelly Oubre Jr. on a two-year, \$26 million contract, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

The deal had been contingent upon the Hornets’ trade with New Orleans involving Devonte Graham going through. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Saturday because the deal had not been finalized.

A six-year NBA veteran, Oubre has also had stops in Washington, Toronto and Phoenix.

Oubre played in 252 games over his first four seasons with the Wizards before being traded in 2018 to Phoenix, where he began to flourish. He averaged 18.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per game in his first season with the Suns while shooting a career-best 35.2% from beyond the arc.

He was traded to the Warriors last November as Golden State tried to fill the void of Klay Thompson, who tore his Achilles.

Oubre averaged 15.4 points and 6.0 rebounds per game in 2020-21, but shot just 31.6% from 3-point range. He started 50 of 55 games but missed 15 game down the stretch due to a wrist injury.

He is a 32.6% career 3-point shooter.

The 6-foot-7, 203-pound

Oubre could serve as a back-up to Gordon Hayward.

The Hornets announced Saturday they acquired Wes Iwundu, a protected 2022 first-round draft pick and cash considerations from the Pelicans and the draft rights to Tyler Harvey from the Memphis Grizzlies in exchange for sending Graham to New Orleans as a part of a three-team trade earlier this week. If the Pelicans don’t make the playoffs next year, the Hornets would receive 2022 and 2024 second-round picks instead.

In the deal, New Orleans also acquired Jonas Valanciunas, as well as the draft rights to Trey Murphy and Brandon Boston.

Memphis received Steven Adams, Eric Bledsoe, the draft rights to Ziaire Williams, the draft rights to Jared Butler and a protected 2022 first-round draft pick from New Orleans (via the Los Angeles Lakers).

Iwundu, the 37th pick in the 2017 draft by the Orlando Magic, averaged 2.4 points and 2.2 rebounds in 13.1 minutes per game in 41 games with the Mavericks and Pelicans during the 2020-21 season. The four-year veteran is averaging 4.3 points and 2.4 rebounds in 16.8 minutes per game for his career while appearing in 223 career games with Orlando, Dallas and New Orleans.

Harvey was the 51st overall pick by the Orlando Magic in 2015.

# Messi signs 2-year deal with PSG

Rob Harris  
AP Global Soccer Writer

Lionel Messi finally signed his eagerly anticipated Paris Saint-Germain contract on Tuesday night to complete the move that confirms the end of a career-long association with Barcelona and sends PSG into a new era.

The French club said in a statement that the 34-year-old Argentina star signed a two-year deal with the option for a third season.

“I am excited to begin a new chapter of my career at Paris Saint-Germain,” Messi said. “Everything about the club matches my football ambitions. I know how talented the squad and the coaching staff are here. I am determined to help build something special for the club and the fans, and I am looking forward to stepping out onto the pitch at the Parc des Princes.”

No salary details were given, but a person with knowledge of the negotiations earlier told The Associated Press that Messi is set to earn around 35 million euros (\$41 million) net annually. The person said on condition of anonymity before the contract was signed.

“I am delighted that Lionel Messi has chosen to join Paris Saint-Germain and we are proud to welcome him and his family to Paris,” PSG chairman Nasser Al-Khelaifi said. “He has made no secret of his desire to continue competing at the very highest level and winning trophies, and naturally

our ambition as a club is to do the same.”

It is symbolic that Messi will wear the No. 30 jersey — the same number he wore in his first two seasons with Barcelona before switching to No. 19 and then the prized No. 10, which Neymar gets to keep at PSG.

Throngs of PSG fans gathered at Le Bourget Airport in Paris to welcome Messi, who was wearing a T-shirt featuring “Ici c’est Paris” — “This is Paris.”

The words are a long-familiar refrain from a favored fan chant at Parc des Princes stadium, where Messi is to be presented to them before kickoff of Saturday night’s game against Strasbourg.

Such was the fervor of his arrival that police had to push back to stop metal barriers from toppling over at the airport as fans surged forward to get a better view. He then traveled into Paris with a police escort that included several officers on motorbikes and clad in black at the back of it.

As disbelief at landing one of soccer’s all-time greats turned to sheer enthusiasm, many gathered for a glimpse of Messi at the stadium. They got their wish as the smiling superstar briefly waved to them before he underwent a medical check.

Earlier, Messi’s father and agent, Jorge, had also confirmed his son was moving to PSG in a brief exchange with reporters at Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport before he took his flight in the early afternoon. Messi arrived with his

wife and three children and boarded a private jet.

“With it all, toward a new adventure. The five together,” Antonela Rocuzzo said on Instagram alongside a photo with her husband on the plane.

PSG supporters have seen their club transformed over the last decade since the influx of Qatari sovereign wealth investment linked to the emir. Once Messi’s Barcelona contract expired — and the Catalan club was unable to afford to keep him — PSG was one of the few clubs that could finance a deal to sign the six-time world player of the year.

Messi’s arrival gives PSG formidable attacking options as he links up with France World Cup winner Kylian Mbappe and Brazil forward Neymar.

“Back together,” Neymar posted on Instagram over a video of them hugging, playing for Barcelona.

While PSG had to pay 222 million euros (then \$261 million) to sign Neymar from Barcelona in 2017, there was no transfer fee for Messi.

Messi became the most desired free agent in soccer history after his attempts to stay at Barcelona were rejected last week by the Spanish league because the salary would not comply with financial regulations, with the Catalan club burdened by debts of more than 1.2 billion euros (\$1.4 billion).

PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino quickly made contact with his fellow Argentine after Barcelona announced last Thursday that Messi would be leaving the club he joined as a 13-year-old.

Messi won every major honor with Barcelona and was granted a tearful exit news conference on Sunday to signal the end of an era. Only Cristiano Ronaldo in the current era challenges Messi’s status as an all-time great.

PSG will be hoping not only that Messi helps the team regain the French title it lost to Lille last season but finally win the Champions League.

If Pochettino uses a 4-3-3 formation, the front three could see Messi deployed on the right with Neymar on the left and Mbappe between them as the center forward.

The quandary for Pochettino would be how to use Angel Di Maria, whose goal sealed the Copa America title last month, and another Argentine attacker — Mauro Icardi. It’s a tactical challenge most coaches would relish, with a 4-2-3-1 or 3-5-2 also in the mix to accommodate the attacking talents available.

What should be less demanding is PSG complying with UEFA’s Financial Fair Play. Some flexibility has been provided in the rules due to the pandemic and changes are due to the system that were designed to stem losses. It is PSG president Al-Khelaifi who, as chairman of the European Club Association and a member of UEFA’s executive committee, is involved in the process of discussing a wider update to FFP that could allow more unchecked spending again.

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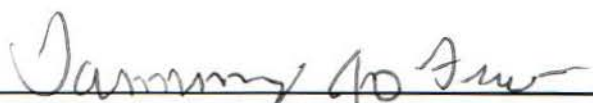
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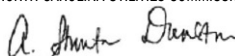
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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAG0@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAG0@ncdoj.gov).

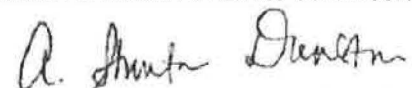
Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

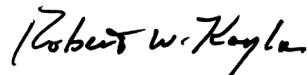


A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Affidavits of Publication, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1276, 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 the parties of record.

This, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



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