

Attn: Kim Campbell, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket E-2 Sub 1257: Proposed 5 MW Solar Facility in  
Buncombe County

Dear Ms. Campbell,

We are writing in strong support of the application by Duke Energy Progress (DEP) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the 5 MW Woodfin Solar Facility on a retired landfill in Buncombe County, NC. This Project has been a component in effectively delaying the need for a 100 MW natural gas peaking power plant that was slated for 2023 to serve this region. This plant is now off of DEP's 15-year planning horizon.

The proposed 5 MW Woodfin Solar Facility would greatly benefit our community, and would save an estimated 6,400 tons of carbon emissions annually. Buncombe County and the City of Asheville have both adopted resolutions to achieve 100 percent renewable energy for the community by 2042, and locally-installed solar is integral to accomplishing that goal. Moreover, the proposed installation on a closed landfill is an excellent example of creative land use. Given our mountainous topography here in Buncombe County, siting a solar facility on flat and already-cleared land makes eminent sense.

We urge you to approve DEP's application and help us advance clean energy for Buncombe County.

Sincerely,

*Janice Harver*  
13 Saint Giles Place  
Asheville, NC 28803

*As a resident of Deepfield,  
I am thrilled with this  
Woodfin Solar Facility.  
It is the result of Blue  
Spiral Horizons Project,*

a collaborative working group of  
Asheville City, Buncombe County  
and Duke Energy. Please approve  
DEP's application. Thank you!