

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1320

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
for Approval of Renewable Energy and)	ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost)	CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S.)	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)	PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on September 19, 2023.

On September 11, 2023, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the September 19, 2023 hearing and accept the expert witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Movants state that they consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses and do not object to the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits being introduced into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record.

The public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on September 19, 2023, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing.

Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before October 19, 2023, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs. Other parties may also file proposed orders and briefs by October 19, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Movants' expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on September 19, 2023, their testimony and exhibits are hereby accepted into evidence, and the expert witness hearing is canceled;

2. That the public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on September 19, 2023, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing; and

3. That on or before October 19, 2023, DEP and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders or a joint proposed order, and the other parties may file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to file briefs or proposed orders.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamika D. Conyers".

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk