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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

RE:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Revised Meter-Related Optional Programs

Rider MROP (AMI Opt-Out) Docket No. E-2, Sub 834

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") has reviewed consumer statements of position filed with the Commission in connection with the referenced matter, which indicate some customers have a concern about certain language in DEP's existing Meter-Related Optional Program Rider MROP ("Rider MROP"). Specifically, these concerns relate to pre-existing Commission-approved language, which reserved the Company's right to suspend and/or terminate the meter-related programs covered under Rider MROP upon appropriate notice to customers. In order to address these concerns and correct the misperception that DEP would terminate its proposed AMI opt-out tariff without Commission approval, I enclose a red-lined and a clean version of the revised Rider MROP which clarifies the General section of the tariff to explain that DEP would seek Commission approval to make any such changes and would provide customers with 30-days' advance notice prior to making any such changes. The Company consulted with the Public Staff as to its proposed revisions to Rider MROP contained herein.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sinderely,

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosure

cc:

Parties of Record

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Duke Energy Progress, LLC (North Carolina)

METER-RELATED OPTIONAL PROGRAMS RIDER MROP-1213

AVAILABILITY

These programs are available upon request and on a voluntary basis to those customers as described below, subject to the availability of appropriate metering and meter-related equipment.

I. TOTALMETER PROGRAM

Metering equipment to allow remote automated meter reading by Company will be provided upon execution of an application for TotalMeter. The application describes the conditions of service, states all charges, and provides for a termination charge should the TotalMeter option be discontinued prior to 24 consecutive months of service. Customer receiving the TotalMeter option may select a desired meter-reading day. Monthly rates and other charges related to the TotalMeter are as follows:

Monthly Rate for TotalMeter

Option 1: Customer-supplied suitable telephone communications line ¹	\$ 3.00
Option 2: Company-supplied wireless telephone communications circuit ²	\$13.20

Charge for Customer-requested termination of TotalMeter

Option prior to 24 consecutive months of service \$50.00

TotalMeter charges shall not apply when Company, at its option, determines that remote automated meter reading is necessary for Company's own use. Receipt of the TotalMeter option shall in no way restrict or otherwise limit Company's right of ingress and egress to read meters and inspect, maintain, repair and replace the meters and other facilities installed to serve Customer whenever necessary.

II. ENERGY PROFILER ONLINE

The Energy Profiler Online (EPO) program is available to any non-residential customer with a registered or contract demand of 30 kW or greater. EPO is an Internet-based program permitting Customer access to historic meter data from any internet-capable location. Access to meter data is both identification/name and password restricted. Monthly rates and other charges related to EPO are as follows:

Monthly Rate for EPO

Rate for totalized meter data only (updated monthly) ³	\$20.00 per totalized account
Rate for meter data per individual meter (updated each business day)	\$20.00 per meter

Set-up fee per meter \$85.00 Set-up fee for totalized meter data only \$85.00

Provision of EPO requires that the standard meter, as determined solely by Company based upon the Customer's electrical requirement, have the capability of recording electrical consumption information on

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² Option 2 is not available to new applicants on and after (*insert approval date*). Existing participants may continue under this option until such time that the metering equipment requires replacement.

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a 15-minute interval basis. Additional monthly rates and other charges, as described in Section III below, will apply if the standard meter based upon customer's electrical requirement does not have interval data capability.

III. MANUALLY READ METERING (MRM)

Customers served under either Schedule RES or Schedule SGS only, without a demand meter, may request metering that either does not utilize radio frequency communications to transmit data, or is otherwise required to be read manually. This service is not available when service is requested in conjunction with any net metering rider. At the Company's option, meters to be read manually may be either an advanced meter with the radio frequency communication capability disabled or other non-communicating meter. The meter manufacturer and model chosen to service the customer's premise are at the discretion of the Company and are subject to change at the Company's option, at any time. Customers choosing this option are responsible for the payment of the rates shown below and will not be eligible for any current or future services or offerings that require the use of an advanced or other communicating meter.

Monthly Rate for MRM Service⁴:

<u>1.</u>	Initial Set-up Fee	\$170.00
<u>2.</u>	Monthly Rate For MRM	\$14.7 <u>5</u>
3.	Early Termination Charge (Prior to 12 consecutive months of service only)	\$50.00

Upon request, the one-time Initial Set-up Fee may be paid in six installments included as a part of the Customer's first six monthly electric service bills following installation of the manually read meter. The contract term shall be a minimum of 12 months and may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice. The Company may refuse to provide service under this option under the following conditions: (1) the Customer has a history of meter tampering or unauthorized use of electricity at the current or any prior location, (2) provision of such service creates a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public or the electric utility's personnel or facilities, or (3) the customer fails to provide the Company satisfactory access to the Customer's facilities for the purpose of obtaining meter readings or maintaining its equipment.

⁴ The Initial Set-up Fee and Monthly Rate shall be waived and not apply for customers providing a notarized statement from a medical physician fully licensed by the North Carolina Medical Board stating that the customer must avoid exposure to radio frequency emissions, to the extent possible, to protect their health. All such statements shall be retained in Company records on a secure and confidential basis. The Company will provide the customer with a medical release form, to identify general enrollment information, and a physician verification statement. At the physician's option, a comparable physician verification statement may be submitted.

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Company, in its sole determination, shall establish appropriate meter standards based upon Customer's electrical requirement. If a non-residential customer desires additional meter services that require the installation of a non-standard meter, Company will comply for the following monthly rate and other charges:

Monthly Rate for non-standard meter with interval data capability \$0.33 per month

The following fees apply when the non-standard meter will not be remotely read:

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GENERAL

Company agrees to seek Commission approval if it determines that the provision of the meter-related program can no longer be offered due to equipment obsolescence or the availability of a more efficient alternative to provide the same or improved level of service. Upon appropriate notice to Customer, Company reserves the right to suspend and/or terminate any or all of these meter related programs at any time if providing the requested program is not feasible. Company does not guarantee continuous provision of these meter-related programs but shall use reasonable diligence at all times to provide the program without interruption and having used reasonable diligence shall not be liable to Customer for damages, for failure in, or for interruptions or suspension of the same. Company further agrees to provide Customer with at least 30-day advanced notice prior to any changes to their service under this rider.

Service rendered under this Rider is subject to the provisions of the Service Regulations of the Company on file with the state regulatory commission. The provisions of this Rider are subject to change upon approval of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Supersedes Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-8A12
Effective on and after March 16, 2018
NCUC Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142
834

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Supersedes Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-12 Effective on and after ______ NCUC Docket No. E-2, Sub 834

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's revised Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 834, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, 1st Class Postage Prepaid, properly addressed to the following parties of record:

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This the 30th day of October, 2018.

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