

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, Sub 1289

In the Matter of:)	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS,
)	LLC'S MOTION TO
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	PROCEED WITH INITIAL
for a Certificate of Environmental)	CLEARING, EXCAVATION
Compatibility and Public Convenience and)	AND CONSTRUCTION FOR
Necessity Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-)	TRANSMISSION LINE
100 et. seq. to Construct Approximately 2.1)	
Miles of New 230 kV Transmission Line in)	
Wake County, North Carolina)	

NOW COMES Duke Energy Progress, LLC. ("DEP" or "Company"), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-101(e) and 62-104 and R8-62(n) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC" and the "Commission"), and hereby moves this Commission for approval to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction of 2.1 miles of new 230 kV transmission line in Wake County, North Carolina. In support thereof, DEP respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. On April 14, 2022, DEP filed its Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") with this Commission, and the CPCN Application is also incorporated herein by reference.
2. On April 22, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearings and Requiring Public Notice*, scheduling a public hearing on August 22, 2022, and an evidentiary hearing on September 12, 2022.
3. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-101(e) authorizes the Commission to permit an applicant to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction before

receiving the CPCN when justified by the public convenience and necessity and a showing that circumstances require immediate action.

4. As detailed in DEP's CPCN Application, approximately 2.1 miles of new 230kV line is needed to serve Fuji Film Diosynth Biotechnologies' proposed biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility within the town of Holly Springs, North Carolina. The new transmission line will tap the existing Harris Plant – Wake 230 kV transmission line and extend to a new proposed 230 kV/23kV transmission-to-distribution substation with a capacity of 28 Megawatts.

5. The construction of the proposed substation and the 230kV transmission line is scheduled to begin in late 2022 with an in-service date of August 2023, which results from DEP's contractual commitments to Fuji Film Diosynth Biotechnologies and the Job Development Investment Grant approved by the North Carolina's Economic Investment Committee under the Department of Commerce.¹ However, in order to meet the in-service date of August 2023 and to prepare for construction activities in late 2022, it is necessary to begin clearing, grading and excavating land to clear the right-of-way on August 1, 2022. This initial work will take place entirely on Company-owned land.

6. Therefore, because the necessary initial construction for the new line must be commenced by August 1, 2022, to meet the construction schedule, and for all the foregoing reasons and as supported in the Company's CPCN Application, DEP's motion

¹ DEP's CPCN Application inadvertently states the in-service deadline is September 2023. However, the committed service date is August 1, 2023. The Company does not think the difference between an in-service date of September 1, 2023 or August 1, 2023 is a material concern for its CPCN application or this Motion to Proceed. However, DEP does wish to clarify that the Company's commitment for an in-service date for this project is August 1, 2023. DEP's planned in-service date is currently June 7, 2023, which allows for a buffer period for any unforeseen delays.

to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction is justified by the public convenience and necessity, and DEP requests that it be granted.

Wherefore, Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion and permit the Company to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction of a new 230 kV transmission line at the Company's own risk to allow the timely development of the biopharmaceutical facility and to provide such permission on an expedited basis by August 1, 2022, prior to receiving a CPCN from the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of July, 2022.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS)

COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE)

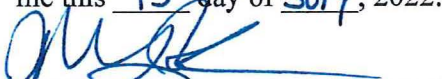
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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Michael P. Sykes II, after first being duly sworn, said that he is Project Manager, Transmission Project Management for Duke Energy Progress, LLC and as such is authorized to make this verification; that he has read the foregoing **MOTION TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL CLEARING, EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE** and knows the contents thereof; and that the same are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Michael P. Sykes II, P.E.
Project Manager
Transmission Project Management
Carolinas East
Duke Energy Progress, LLC

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 13th day of July, 2022.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: March 31st 2028

MARCUS A. TRANFAGLIA
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires March 31, 2028

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.'s **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC'S MOTION TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL CLEARING, EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE** 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 13th day of July, 2022.



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