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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 and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation's Joint Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 1,360 MW Natural Gas-Fueled Combined Cycle Electric Generating Facility in Person County, North Carolina
Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1318 and EC-67, Sub 55**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") in the above-referenced proceeding is Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" or the "Company") and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation's ("NCEMC" and together with DEP, the "Joint Applicants") Joint Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 1,360 MW Natural Gas-Fueled Combined Cycle Electric Generating Facility in Person County, North Carolina ("Application"). The Joint Applicants are filing the Application pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-61 to construct a hydrogen capable, advanced-class combined cycle ("CC") gas turbine facility at the site of DEP's existing Roxboro Plant in Person County, North Carolina ("Person County Energy Complex"). Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-300(a)(5), DEP has electronically submitted to the Clerk's Office a \$250 filing fee to process this Application.

The confidential redacted portions of this filing contain commercially sensitive information that should be protected from public disclosure. The information designated herein as confidential qualifies as "trade secrets" under N.C.G.S. § 66-152(3). If this information were to be publicly disclosed, it would allow competitors, vendors, and other market participants to gain an undue advantage, which may ultimately result in harm and higher cost to DEP's customers and NCEMC's members. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 132-1.2, the Joint Applicants request that information marked "Confidential" be protected from

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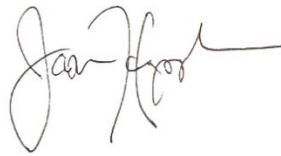
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public disclosure. The Company is contemporaneously filing with the Commission all information designated as confidential under seal and will make the information available to other parties to this docket pursuant to an appropriate nondisclosure agreement.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Higginbotham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason A. Higginbotham

cc: Parties of Record