



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

August 28, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-2, Subs 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, and 1254
Public Staff's Consent to Remote Hearings

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On June 9, 2020, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), filed applications for adjustments to the annual cost recovery riders in the following proceedings:

- Docket No. E-2, Sub 1250 – Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustments
- Docket No. E-2, Sub 1251 – Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Docket No. E-2, Sub 1252 – Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM/EE)
- Docket No. E-2, Sub 1253 – Joint Agency Asset Rider (JAAR)
- Docket No. E-2, Sub 1254 – Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program

On June 29, 2020, the Commission issued orders in each docket scheduling hearings on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the above-listed sequence.

On August 7, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Remote Hearings for Expert Witness Testimony* (Scheduling Order) in the above-referenced dockets. The Order states that because of the number of persons who will be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearings in the four dockets, the expert witness portion of the hearings will be held by remote means

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on WebEx. Additionally, the Commission's Order provides that on or before Tuesday, September 1, 2020, all parties shall: (1) file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means, or a statement objecting to same; and (2) shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearings on the party's behalf to the email address provided.

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff hereby states its consent to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means in each of the above-listed proceedings. The Public Staff will submit the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearings on behalf of the Public Staff in each proceeding on or before Tuesday, September 1, 2020, pursuant to paragraph (2) of the Scheduling Order.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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c: Parties of Record