STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1322

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

) MOTION FOR) SUBSTITUTION OF) WITNESS AND ADOPTION) OF TESTIMONY

NOW COMES the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) rules R1-5 and R1-7, and respectfully moves to substitute Michelle Boswell as the sponsor of the testimony pre-filed in the above-captioned proceeding by Hemanth Meda.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff respectfully shows the Commission the following:

- 1. On June 13, 2023, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed its Application for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, along with supporting direct testimony and exhibits of Casey Q. Fields and Carolyn T. Miller.
- 2. On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued an Order scheduling this matter to be heard on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

- 3. On August 24, 2023, DEP filed the supplemental testimony and revised exhibits of witnesses Fields and Miller.
- 4. On August 28, 2023, DEP filed its corrected supplemental testimony and exhibits of Casey Q. Fields.
- 5. On August 29, 2023, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Warren Hirons, Hemanth Meda, and Tommy Williamson, Jr.
- 6. On September 7, 2023, DEP filed the rebuttal testimony and revised exhibits (if exhibits were applicable) of witnesses Fields, Miller, and Lark L. Lee.
- 7. Public Staff witness Meda will not be available to testify at the September 19, 2023 expert witness hearing.
- 8. Michelle Boswell, the Director of the Accounting Division of the Public Staff, is familiar with the subject matter of this DSM/EE proceeding and is able to testify to the content of Mr. Meda's pre-filed testimony. Additionally, she will be able to answer questions from DEP, the intervenors, and the Commission at the expert witness hearing in the same capacity as Mr. Meda.
- 9. Given that Ms. Boswell would adopt the testimony previously prefiled by Mr. Meda in this docket, no party will be prejudiced by this Motion.

10. The Public Staff notified DEP and all intervenors regarding this motion, and no party objected to this motion or the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that Ms. Boswell be substituted as the sponsor of the testimony of Hemanth Meda pre-filed in this proceeding and that she be permitted to testify in place of Mr. Meda at the hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This, the 15th day of September, 2023.

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