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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
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**RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse
Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Please find enclosed Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, in the above-referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ladawn S. Toon".

Ladawn S. Toon

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1292

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC |) | DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC |
| Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.2 and NCUC Rule |) | AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S |
| R8-55 Relating to Fuel and Fuel-Related |) | JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE |
| Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities |) | WITNESSES FROM |
| |) | APPEARANCE AT HEARING |
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NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) by and through counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”), and hereby move the Commission to issue an order excusing all witnesses and affiants from testifying at the September 14, 2022 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, DEP and the Public Staff show the following:

1. On June 14, 2022, DEP pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Dana M. Harrington, Matthew L. Cameron, Tom Ray, John A. Verderame, Bryan L. Walsh, and David B. Johnson in support of the Company’s Application in this docket.
2. On August 12, 2022, DEP filed the Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of witness Dana M. Harrington.
3. On August 24, 2022, the Public Staff filed the affidavits of Fenge Zhang and Dustin R. Metz.

4. On August 24, 2022, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”) filed Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Ronald J. Binz.

5. On August 24, 2022, Public Staff filed the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of John R. Hinton.

6. On September 1, 2022, DEP filed Rebuttal Testimony of Dana M. Harrington and James J. McClay, III.

7. Counsel for DEP and the Public Staff have consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of the Company’s witnesses and Public Staff’s affiants and witness and do not object to the introduction of their testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. The Company, and other parties, have also agreed to waive cross examination of SACE witness, Ronald J. Binz, and do not object to the introduction of Mr. Binz’ testimony and exhibits into the record.

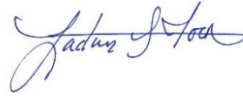
8. DEP and the Public Staff request that DEP’s witnesses Dana M. Harrington, Matthew L. Cameron, Tom Ray, John A. Verderame, Bryan L. Walsh, David B. Johnson, and James J. McClay, III and the Public Staff’s affiants, Fenge Zhang and Dustin R. Metz, and witness, John R. Hinton, be excused from appearing at the September 14, 2022 hearing, unless the Commission has questions for these individuals. DEP and the Public Staff, with the consent of SACE, also ask that SACE Witness Benz be excused from the hearing unless the Commission has questions for Witness Benz.

9. DEP and Public Staff further request that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of DEP’s witnesses and the affidavits, pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the

Public Staff's affiants and witness and the testimony of SACE witness Benz be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

10. WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff respectfully move the Commission to: (1) excuse DEP's witnesses, Dana M. Harrington, Matthew L. Cameron, Tom Ray, John A. Verderame, Bryan L. Walsh, David B. Johnson, and James J. McClay, III and the Public Staff's affiants, Fenge Zhang and Dustin R. Metz, and witness, John R. Hinton, and SACE Witness Benz from appearing at the evidentiary hearing, unless the Commission has questions for these individuals; (2) receive into evidence the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the aforementioned individuals; and (3) grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 8th day of September, 2022.



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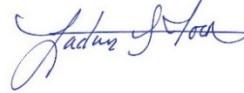
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the parties of record.

This the 8th day of September, 2022.



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