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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

RE: Joint Motion for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Evidentiary

Hearing

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1273

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the North Carolina Justice Center, and the North Carolina Housing Coalition for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing in the referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1273

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)
)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC) JOINT MOTION FOR CERTAIN
for Approval of Demand-Side Management) WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED
and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider	FROM APPEARANCE AT
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.9 and) EVIDENTIARY HEARING
Commission Rule R8-69	·)

NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company"), the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff"), the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE"), the North Carolina Justice Center ("NCJC"), and the North Carolina Housing Coalition ("NCHC") (collectively, the "Movants"), and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order excusing the appearance of certain witnesses at the September 21, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing and allowing the introduction of the prefiled testimony and exhibits of the excused witnesses into the record in this matter. In support of this joint motion, the Movants show as follows:

- 1. On June 15, 2021, DEP filed direct testimony and exhibits of Shannon R. Listebarger and Robert P. Evans in support of the Company's application in this docket.
- 2. On August 11, 2021, DEP filed the supplemental testimony and exhibit of witness Evans.
- 3. On September 9, 2021, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of Michael C. Maness and David M. Williamson, and SACE, NCJC, and NCHC filed the testimony and exhibits of Forest Bradley-Wright.

- 4. On September 16, 2021, DEP filed the rebuttal testimony of witnesses Evans and Lynda Sleigher Shafer.
- 5. On behalf of the Movants, counsel for DEP has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, including the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of DEP witness Listebarger and Public Staff witness Maness, and offer no objection to the introduction of the testimony and exhibits of those excused witnesses into the record.

WHEREFORE, DEP, the Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC respectfully request that DEP witness Listebarger and Public Staff witness Maness be excused from appearing at the September 21, 2021 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of those witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter. The Public Staff, SACE, NCJC, and NCHC have authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted, this 17th day of September, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, the Public Staff, SACE, NCHC and NCJC for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1273, 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 is the 17th day of September, 2021.

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