

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1185

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Construct a Microgrid Solar and Battery) ORDER CANCELING HEARING
Storage Facility in Madison County,)
North Carolina)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 8, 2018, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8- 61 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct the Hot Springs Microgrid Solar and Battery Storage Facility (Hot Springs Microgrid or Facility). DEP states that the Hot Springs Microgrid facility will consist of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels affixed to ground mount 20-degree fixed-tilt racking, solar inverters, a Microgrid controller and a battery energy storage system (BESS). The nominal generation capacity for the PV generator will be approximately 3 MW_{DC}/ 2 MW_{AC}. The nominal storage capacity for the battery will be approximately 4 MW. The useful life of the Facility is expected to be 25 years with anticipated replacement battery cells after year 10, depending on the degradation curves. The total projected cost of the project was filed by DEP under seal as a confidential trade secret. The application is supported by pre-filed testimony and exhibits.

On October 31, 2018, the Chairman issued an order finding the application incomplete. On November 13, 2018, DEP filed supplemental testimony and exhibits.

On November 30, 2018, the Chairman issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice. The Chairman ordered, among other things, that a public witness hearing be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison County Courthouse in Marshall, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony regarding the application. However, the order stated that the public witness hearing may be canceled if no significant protests regarding the proposed facility were filed.

The Commission has not received any significant protest regarding the proposed facility. Rather, public statements of position filed in the docket support the project.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the public witness hearing scheduled in this docket for Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison County Courthouse in

Marshall, North Carolina. The Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate in its consideration of the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of January, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk