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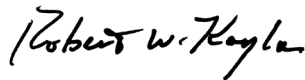
**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to  
Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing  
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1320**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1320

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard	)	<b>DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC</b>
Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67	)	<b>AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES FROM APPEARANCE AT HEARING</b>

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NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the September 19, 2023 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this motion, DEP and the Public Staff show the following:

1. On June 13, 2023, DEP pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Kimberly A. Presson and Veronica I. Williams along with the 2022 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (“REPS”) Compliance Report in this docket.
2. On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice*, setting the date and time for an Evidentiary Hearing in this docket to begin on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

3. On August 24, 2023, DEP filed the Supplemental Testimony and Revised Exhibits of Kimberly A. Presson and Veronica I. Williams, in addition to new Presson Exhibit 18.

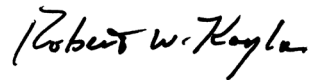
4. On August 29, 2023, the Public Staff filed the affidavit of David L. Lentz recommending approval of the REPS Compliance Report and the Company's proposed rates and riders.

5. Also on August 29, 2023, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Jay B. Lucas.

6. 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 and Public Staff's witnesses and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

Accordingly, DEP and the Public Staff request that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the September 19, 2023 hearing in this docket and that the testimony and exhibits of the respective witnesses be received into the record.

Respectfully submitted this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



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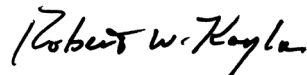
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1320, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



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