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January 17, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC Proof of Publication
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

I enclose the Affidavits of Publication for the Public Notice related to the Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the Hot Springs Microgrid Solar and Battery Storage Facility on DEP-leased property in Madison County, North Carolina, for filing in connection with the referenced matter. DEP published the notice in the News Record and Sentinel, the newspaper having general coverage in Madison County, and also in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

OFFICIAL COPY

Jan 17 2019

News Record and Sentinel
58 Back Street
Marshall, NC 28753

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MADISON COUNTY

The News Record and Sentinel, a newspaper published, issued, and entered as second class mail in Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina; state that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in The News Record and Sentinel on the following dates:

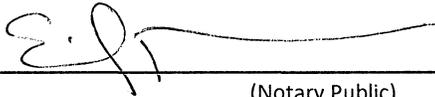
December 19, 26, 2018, January 2, 9, 2019

The News Record and Sentinel complies with all requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and is a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.



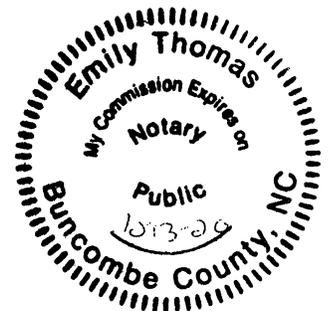
(Signature of person making affidavit)

9th day of January, 2019



(Notary Public)

My commission expires the 13th of October, 2020.



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 Storage Facility in
Madison County, North Carolina
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday January 23, 2019, at the Madison County Courthouse, 2 N. Main St., Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public witness testimony regarding the application filed on October 8, 2018, with supplemental testimony filed on November 13, 2018, by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) 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 MWDC/ 2 MWAC. 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.

Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission has also scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. However, the public witness and expert witness hearings may be canceled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission.

Additional specific information about DEP's application for a CPCN may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DEP's application and supporting documents are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net. Search for Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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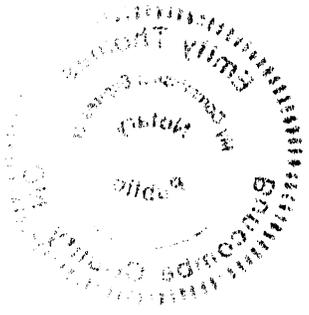
Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before January 30, 2019. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before January 30, 2019.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 30th day of November, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

December 19, 26, 2018
January 2, 9, 2019
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NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1185

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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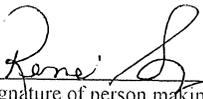
ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 30th day of November, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

December 19, 26, 2018
January 2, 9, 2019
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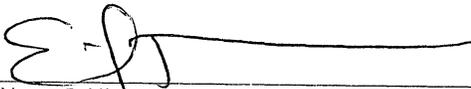
Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared **Rene Simpson**, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is the **Legal Clerk of The Asheville Citizen-Times**, engaged in publication of a newspaper known as **The Asheville Citizen-Times**, published, issued, and entered as first class mail in the City of Asheville, in said County and State; that she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in **The Asheville Citizen-Times** on the following date: December 19, 26, 2018, January 2, 9, 2019. And that the said newspaper in which said notice, paper, document or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statues of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Signed this 9th day of January, 2019



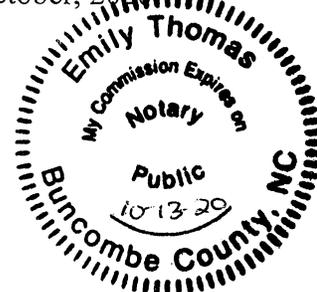
(Signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9th day of January, 2019.



(Notary Public)

My Commission expires the 13th day of October, 2020



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Proof of Publication, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1185, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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This is the 17th day of January, 2019.

By: 

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