

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1292

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,) ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and) ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel) CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for) HEARING, AND REQUIRING
Electric Utilities) PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE CHAIR: On July 8, 2022, the Commission issued an Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

On June 14 and August 12, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Company), filed the direct and supplemental testimony and exhibits of witnesses Dana M. Harrington, Matthew L. Cameron, Tom Ray, John A. Verderame, Bryan L. Walsh, and David B. Johnson.

On August 24, 2022, the Public Staff filed the direct testimony and exhibits of witness John R. Hinton and the affidavits of Fenge Zhang and Dustin R. Metz.

Also on August 24, 2022, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) filed the direct testimony and exhibits of witness Ronald J. Binz.

On September 1, 2022, DEP filed the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of witnesses Dana M. Harrington and James J. McClay, III.

On September 8, 2022, DEP and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing. Movants state that counsel for DEP and the Public Staff have consulted with counsel for all parties, 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. Movants state that all parties have also agreed to waive cross-examination of SACE witness Binz and do not object to the introduction of his testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants request that these witnesses be excused from appearing at the September 14, 2022 hearing and that their prefiled testimony, affidavits, and exhibits be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to excuse all DEP, Public Staff, and SACE witnesses from attending the expert witness hearing, to receive their testimony, affidavits, and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing. The Chair notes that the record remains open pending the public witness hearing. Further, the Chair finds good cause to require that DEP and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before October 14, 2022, and to allow the other parties to file briefs or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to file briefs or proposed orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk