

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)	LEAVE TO FILE DIRECT
Applicable to Electric Service in North)	TESTIMONY AND AMEND DIRECT
Carolina and Performance Based Regulation)	TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

BY THE CHAIR: On December 20, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed a motion in the above-captioned docket entitled Motion for Leave to (1) File the Direct Testimony of Kendal C. Bowman Adopting the Direct Testimony of Stephen G. De May; (2) File the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Graham C. Thompson Adopting the Direct Testimony of Laurel M. Meeks; and; (3) Amend the Direct Testimony of the Battery Energy Storage Panel (December 20 Motion).

Is support of its motion, DEP states that, when it filed its Application to Adjust Retail Base Rates and for Performance-Based Regulation and Request for an Accounting Order (Application) on October 6, 2022, it included the prefiled direct testimony of DEP witness Stephen G. De May and the Battery Storage Panel. Because witness De May retired at the end of 2022 and Ms. Bowman became North Carolina State President for DEP and for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) effective January 1, 2023, DEP requests that the Commission allow Ms. Bowman to adopt witness De May's testimony. DEP proposes that Ms. Bowman adopt the testimony in full, with the exception of the addition of Ms. Bowman's Introduction section.

DEP also included with the Application the direct testimony of witness Laurel M. Meeks, who appeared with Evan W. Shearer as the "Battery Energy Storage Panel." In the December 20 Motion, DEP states that witness Meeks will take a leave of absence in March 2023.¹ Given this fact and given Mr. Thompson's role as Business Development Manager for the Energy Storage Development team, DEP requests that the Commission allow Mr. Thompson to adopt witness Meeks' portion of the Battery Energy Storage Panel's prefiled direct testimony and the Battery Energy Storage Panel's prefiled exhibits. DEP proposes that the Commission allow Mr. Thompson to adopt witness Meeks' portion of the Battery Storage Panel's testimony in full, with the exception of the addition of Mr. Thompson's Introduction section.

¹ The December 20 Motion states that witness Meeks will take a leave of absence in March 2022 but given the context and the date on which DEP filed the motion, the Commission surmises that the correct date is March 2023.

Finally, DEP requests that the Commission allow it to amend all testimony and exhibit references from “Meeks/Shearer” to the “Battery Energy Storage Panel.”.

DEP asserts that, because Ms. Bowman and Mr. Tompson will be adopting testimonies that DEP had previously prefled with its Application and that the amendment of the Battery Energy Storage Panel testimony and exhibits is merely a relabeling of the panel and the exhibits’ identification, the Commission’s granting of the December 20 Motion will not prejudice any party. DEP attached the direct testimony of Ms. Bowman and direct testimony and exhibits of the Battery Energy Storage Panel to the December 20 Motion.

After careful consideration of DEP’s December 20 Motion, the Commission concludes that there is good cause to grant the motion and that doing so will not prejudice any other party to this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission grants DEP leave to: (1) file the direct testimony of witness Bowman adopting the direct testimony of witness Stephen G. De May; (2) file the direct testimony of witness Tompson adopting the direct testimony of witness Laurel M. Meeks; and (3) amend the direct testimony and exhibit references of the Battery Energy Storage Panel by changing them from “Meeks/Shearer” to the “Battery Energy Storage Panel.” The Commission accepts into the record the testimony and exhibits that DEP filed with the December 20 Motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of January, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk