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Greetings NCUC Commissioners:

I am a private citizen in Buncombe County NC and wish to say that I strongly support this Duke Energy Progress. I participate actively in the Energy Innovation Task Force and am proud that the NCUC has tasked Duke with collaborating with the community to promote the twin goals of the Task Force which are to (1) avoid a peaker plant otherwise needed and (2) to move to a cleaner energy future. This project is a direct outgrowth of our collaboration and contributes significantly to both goals plus it has other additional benefits. We need the additional peaking capability that these batteries represent. Plus, the ability of battery technology to quickly respond to changes in demand or to changes in availability of other resources allows the system to operate at lower cost, which means also in a way that reduces carbon emissions and other pollution. Please support this project and grant the certificate in question so that Duke can proceed.

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