



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

May 23, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-2, Sub 1311 – Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Solar Generating Facility in Buncombe County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Dunston:

During the May 22, 2023 expert witness hearing held on the above-captioned matter, in response to a question from Commissioner Hughes, Public Staff witness Jeff Thomas testified that Buncombe County and the City of Asheville has entered into an agreement with a third-party power producer, Pine Gate Renewables, to construct and purchase the output from a 35 MW solar facility under the Company's Green Source Advantage Program. This reference was erroneous; the project referenced by witness Thomas with an existing executed agreement involves the City of Durham, Durham County Government, and Durham Public Schools,¹ although Buncombe County and the City of Asheville have explored a Green Source Advantage Program agreement.² The Public Staff wishes to correct this statement for the purpose of ensuring a complete and accurate record.

¹ More information about this project is available at <https://news.duke-energy.com/releases/city-of-durham-durham-county-government-and-durham-public-schools-join-duke-energys-green-source-advantage-program>.

² See Buncombe County and the City of Asheville's Request for Proposals with regard to the Company's Green Source Advantage Program, available at <https://www.buncombecounty.org/common/sustainability-office/City%20County%20GSA%20RFP.pdf>.

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Sincerely,

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