

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, Sub 1267

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| In the Matter of: |) | DUKE ENERGY CAROLINA, |
| |) | LLC'S MOTION TO |
| Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, |) | PROCEED WITH INITIAL |
| for a Certificate of Environmental |) | CLEARING, EXCAVATION |
| Compatibility and Public Convenience and |) | AND CONSTRUCTION FOR |
| Necessity Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62- |) | TRANSMISSION LINE |
| 100 et. seq. to Relocate a Transmission Line in |) | |
| Randolph County, North Carolina |) | |
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NOW COMES Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. ("DEC," "Company," or "Applicant"), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stats. §§ 62-101(e) and 62-104 and R8-62(n) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC" or the "Commission"), and hereby moves this Commission for approval to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction to relocate approximately 3.19 miles of the Parkwood 525kV Transmission line in Randolph County, North Carolina. In support thereof, DEC respectfully shows the Commission the follow:

1. On April 21, 2022, DEC filed its notice of intent to file for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of N.C. Gen. Stats. §§ 62-102 and 62-104 related to the Line relocation. The filing with the Commission also stated that DEP had complied with Commission Rule R8-62(k) and provided a copy of the Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to relocate the Line with the Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission. The April 21, 2022 filing is incorporated herein by reference.

2. On May 11, 2022, DEC filed its CPCN Application with this Commission, and the CPCN Application is also incorporated herein by reference.

3. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-101(e) authorizes the Commission to permit an applicant to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction before receiving the CPCN when justified by the public convenience and necessity and a showing that circumstances require immediate action.

4. As detailed in DEC's CPCN Application, approximately 3.19 miles of existing line needs to be relocated to accommodate an industrial development on the Greensboro Randolph Megasite. The owners of the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite development and other private property owners have either granted DEC necessary easements to support the relocation or signed waivers of the notice and hearing requirements. Additionally, the North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT") is in the process of purchasing the private land necessary to widen U.S. Highway 421 as part of the megasite development, and as the eventual owner of the private land, NCDOT does not object to waiver of the notice and hearing requirements or the relocation of the line.

5. The developer of the Greensboro Randolph Megasite, Toyota Motor North America, requires DEC complete its Line relocation construction on a timeline that requires construction to begin immediately. DEC's Line relocation project timeline requires approximately 3 months of preparatory construction work (including erosion protection and clearing work) and approximately 6 months of construction. The Parkwood 525kV transmission line will need to be deactivated for a brief period at an optimal time to avoid any service and reliability issues. In order to meet the relocation deadline and the optimal deactivation period, DEC must begin initial construction work as soon as possible, but no later than June 13, 2022.

6. Therefore, because the necessary initial construction for the proposed Line relocation must be commenced immediately to meet the construction schedule, and for all the foregoing reasons and as supported in the Company's CPCN Application, DEC's motion to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction is justified by the public convenience and necessity, and DEC requests that it be granted.

Wherefore, DEC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion and permit the Company to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, and construction for the Parkwood 525kV line relocation at the Company's own risk to allow the timely development of the Greensboro Randolph Megasite and to provide such permission on an expedited basis by June 10, 2022, prior to receiving a CPCN from the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of May, 2022.

By: _____



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

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COUNTY OF WAKE)

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Erin A. Degutis, after first being duly sworn, said that she is Senior Transmission Siting Manager – Siting, Permitting and Engagement for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and as such is authorized to make this verification; that she has read the foregoing **DUKE ENERGY CAROLINA, LLC'S MOTION TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL CLEARING, EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE** and knows the contents thereof; and that the same are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

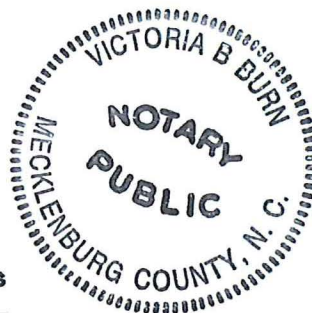


Erin A. Degutis
Senior Transmission Siting Specialist
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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 24th day of May, 2022.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: My Commission Expires
February 11, 2023



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.'s **DUKE ENERGY CAROLINA, LLC'S MOTION TO PROCEED WITH INITIAL CLEARING, EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE** has been served by electronic mail (e-mail), hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This, the 27th day of May, 2022.



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