STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1322

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of | | |
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| Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for |) | |
| Approval of Demand-Side Management and |) | ORDER ALLOWING ADOPTION |
| Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider |) | OF TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING |
| Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and |) | SUBSTITUTION OF WITNESS |
| Commission Rule R8-69 |) | |

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 13, 2023, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), filed its annual application for approval of a rate rider for recovery by DEP of the costs and incentives of its demand-side management and energy efficiency programs. On August 29, 2023, the Public Staff filed testimony of Warren Hirons, Tommy Williamson, Jr. and Hemanth Meda (Mr. Meda). The hearing in this docket is scheduled for September 19, 2023

On September 15, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that Michelle Boswell (Ms. Boswell), be allowed to adopt Mr. Meda's testimony and present the testimony at the hearing. The Public Staff stated that Mr. Meda will not be available to testify at the hearing and that Ms. Boswell is familiar with the issues involved in the docket and will be able to answer questions from the parties and the Commission. In addition, the Public Staff stated that it had notified all parties about its motion and that no party had objected to the motion or relief requested.

Based on the Public Staff's motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse Mr. Meda from attending the September 19, 2023 hearing, and to allow Ms. Boswell to adopt Mr. Meda's prefiled testimony and to testify regarding such testimony at the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk