BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1272

In the Matter of:

Application of Duke Energy)	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC AND
Progress, LLC, Pursuant to N.C.)	THE PUBLIC STAFF'S JOINT
Gen. Stat. 62-133.2 and)	MOTION FOR CERTAIN WITNESSES
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating)	TO BE EXCUSED FROM
to Fuel and Fuel Related Charge)	APPEARANCE AT EVIDENTIARY
Adjustments for Electric Utilities)	HEARING

NOW COMES Duke Energy Progress ("DEP or "the Company" and the Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") and jointly request the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order excusing certain witnesses from testifying at the September 21, 2021, Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this joint motion, DEP and the Public Staff show as follows.

- On June 15, 2021, DEP pre-filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Dana M. Harrington, Kenneth D. Church, John A Verderame, Ben Waldrep, and Bryan P. Walsh.
- 2. On August 27, 2021, DEP pre-filed the supplemental testimony of Dana M. Harrington.
- On August 31, 2021, the Public Staff pre-filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Evan
 Lawrence and the affidavit of Michelle M. Boswell with appendix.
- 4. Also on August 31, the Sierra Club pre-filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Devi Glick.
- 5. On September 9, 2021, DEP pre-filed joint rebuttal testimony of John D. Swez and John A. Verderame.

- 6. Counsel for DEP has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of Company witnesses Dana M. Harrington, Kenneth D. Church and Benjamin Waltrip and cross examination of Public Staff witnesses Michelle M. Boswell and Evan D. Lawrence and further that the testimony of the listed witnesses can be copied into the record. In addition to the Company and the Public Staff, the other parties agreeing to this procedure include CUCA, CIGFUR, NCSEA and the Sierra Club.
- 7. At this point, the witnesses who are not included in this agreement are Company direct witness, Bryan Walsh, Company direct and rebuttal witness John Verderame, Company rebuttal witness, John Swez and Sierra Club Witness Devi Glick. The parties have not waived cross examination as to any of the witnesses listed in this paragraph.

WHEREFORE, DEP and the PUBLIC STAFF respectfully and jointly request that all the Witnesses identified in Paragraph 6, above be excused from appearing at the September 21, 2021, evidentiary hearing in this docket, and that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be entered into evidence and made a part of the record in this docket and the same witnesses be excused.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of September 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has this day served on all parties of record a copy of the Joint Motion of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the mail with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed.

This 16th day of September, 2021.

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