## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1167

In the Matter of:

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Requesting Approval of Solar Rebate Program Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f)

DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC'S MOTION TO EXTEND INSTALLATION DEADLINE FOR SPECIFIED NON-PROFIT CUSTOMERS

NOW COMES Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company"), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-140, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f), and Rule RI-5 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("the Commission"), and hereby makes this motion requesting to extend the installation deadline for two nonprofit, public schools in Asheville, North Carolina. In support thereof, the Companies respectfully show the Commission the following.

Pursuant to DEP's Solar Rebate Rider SRR-7, non-profit customers must complete installation no later than 365 days from the date the rebate reservation was obtained or the date of an executed interconnection agreement by the Company, whichever is later. Both schools received a rebate reservation on March 22, 2022, after already having an executed interconnection agreement with the Company. Therefore, their deadline to complete installation is March 22, 2023. However, to install their system, the schools must shut off power to the entire school, which cannot be accomplished while students are in class or over a weekend. The schools are planning to complete installation their systems in May. Recognizing the limited opportunities to install the system during the school year, the Company thinks it is reasonable to extend the deadline through the summer to allow the

schools sufficient time to safely install the system and avoid any classroom disruptions. As such, DEP requests a waiver of the 365-day deadline for installation for these two schools until August 28, 2023.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f)(3) set aside 2,500 kilowatts (kW) of annual capacity in the Solar Rebate Program for nonprofit organizations. Consistent with legislative intent and Commission Orders, the Solar Rebate Program has strived to increase nonprofit participation in the program by retaining the incentive amount to nonprofit customers throughout the program, even as the incentive amount for other classes of customers was reduced, and by increasing marketing to nonprofit customers, including city governments. The resulting increase in nonprofit participation will be more fully detailed in the Company's April 1, 2023 Biannual Report. The Company is aware that other nonprofit organizations may also have issues meeting the deadline to complete installation, and the Company may need to request additional extensions to allow nonprofit customers to continue to participate in the program and complete their installations. For now, due to the impending deadline, the Company requests this limited exception for two schools.

The Company discussed this motion with the Public Staff, and the Public Staff is supportive of the motion.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Progress, LLC respectfully requests Commission:

(1) grant its request to extend the installation deadline for two nonprofit, public schools in Asheville, North Carolina to August 28, 2023 Respectfully submitted this 13th day of March, 2023.

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF WAKE

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Wendi Fleener, after first being duly sworn, said that she as Director of Clean Energy Solutions for Duke Energy and as such is authorized to make this verification; that she has read the foregoing **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS**, LLC'S MOTION TO EXTEND INSTALLATION DEADLINE FOR SPECIFIED NON-PROFIT CUSTOMERS and knows the contents thereof; and that the same are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

Wendi Fleener

Director of Clean Energy Solutions

**Duke Energy** 

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of March, 2023.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/3/27

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC'S MOTION TO EXTEND INSTALLATION DEADLINE FOR SPECIFIED NON-PROFIT CUSTOMERS** has been served by electronic mail (e-mail) to parties of record.

This, the 13th day of March, 2023.

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