

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1185

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for) a Certificate of Public Convenience and) Necessity to Construct a Microgrid Solar and) Battery Storage Facility in Madison County,) North Carolina)	ORDER AMENDING ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT
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BY THE COMMISSION: On May 10, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with Conditions (CPCN Order) in the above-captioned docket. In the CPCN Order, the Commission approved an application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), to construct the solar generation-related components of the Hot Springs Microgrid Project. The CPCN Order required DEP to provide to the Public Staff, and file with the Commission, annual reports on “the results of its operational knowledge and learning goals to demonstrate the operational benefits of the Hot Springs Microgrid” (Annual Report).

On February 6, 2020, the Commission issued an order scheduling a hearing to be held on March 5, 2020, to receive additional information regarding DEP’s plans for operating the facility. At that hearing, DEP presented a progress report on the project, including an update on the expected date of commercial operation of the project. In its presentation, DEP also requested clarification regarding the filing date for the Annual Report. Based on the expected in-service date for the facility, if the Annual Report was filed annually after the issuance of the CPCN the first report would reflect less than 5 months of operational data of the facility. DEP requested that the first Annual Report be required to be filed 12 months after commercial operation of the facility.

The Commission agrees with DEP that the intent of this reporting requirement in the CPCN Order was for DEP to report on 12 months of actual operating experience, and due to the change in the construction schedule, the date of the first report should be extended. In contrast to the first two reporting requirements, which were to be filed “[w]ithin six months of Commission approval of this Application” and “six months after the date of the CPCN and at the completion of construction,” this requirement to annually report the *results* of its operational knowledge would appear to tie the reporting period to the beginning of commercial operation. However, the Commission also anticipates that DEP will need additional time after the 12-month period to process the data and compile the report. Therefore, in light of all of the above, the Commission finds good cause to clarify and amend the CPCN Order to require that the first Annual Report shall be filed within 15 months after commercial operation of the Hot Springs Microgrid commences,

the same time period allowed for DEP to complete the ancillary services study also required by the CPCN Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of March, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk