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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion for
Witnesses to be Excused from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1275**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission is Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing in the above-referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Jirak", written in a cursive style.

Jack E. Jirak

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

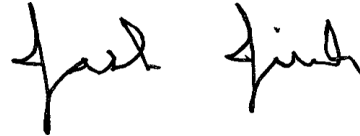
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1275, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to parties of record.

This the 13th day of September, 2021.



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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1275

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC
Pursuant to G.S. 62-110.8 and Commission)	AND THE PUBLIC STAFF'S JOINT
Rule R8-71 for Approval of CPRE)	MOTION FOR WITNESSES TO BE
Compliance Report and CPRE Cost)	EXCUSED FROM APPEARANCE
Recovery Rider)	AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING
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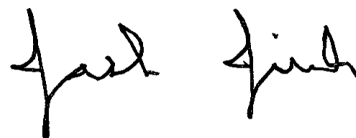
NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") and jointly request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") issue an order excusing witnesses from testifying at the September 21, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this joint motion, DEP and the Public Staff show as follows:

1. On June 15, 2021, DEP pre-filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Christy J. Walker and Phillip H. Cathcart in support of the Company's application in this docket.
2. On August 31, 2021, Public Staff filed Notice of Affidavits, Affidavit of Jeff T. Thomas and R. Tyler Allison.
3. Counsel for DEP has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of Company witnesses Walker and Cathcart and Public Staff witnesses Thomas and Allison and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

4. The Public Staff has authorized the undersigned to file this Joint Motion on its behalf.

WHEREFORE, DEP and the Public Staff respectfully request that Company witnesses Walker, and Cathcart and Public Staff witnesses Thomas and Allison be excused from appearing at the September 21, 2021 hearing in this docket and that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13th day of September 2021.



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