

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1257

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)	ORDER SCHEDULING
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	REMOTE EXPERT WITNESS
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar)	HEARING, REQUIRING FILING
Photovoltaic Generating Facility in)	OF CROSS-EXAM AND
Buncombe County, North Carolina)	REDIRECT EXHIBITS, AND
)	ADDRESSING OTHER
)	MATTERS

BY THE CHAIR: On August 6, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order), in the above-captioned docket. The Scheduling Order, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering Duke Energy Progress, LLC's (DEP's), application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN).

Based on the record and the current efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Chair finds good cause to declare that the hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., will be held remotely via Webex. In addition, the Chair finds good cause to establish several conditions for the filing of exhibits and the conduct of the hearing, as more specifically stated in the Ordering Paragraphs below. Finally, the Chair finds good cause to direct that all other dates and procedural guidelines in the Scheduling Order regarding the expert witness hearing remain in effect.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the expert witness hearing to be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding DEP's application for a CPCN shall be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net;
2. That all other dates and procedural guidelines established in the Scheduling Order regarding the expert witness hearing shall remain in effect; and
3. That the expert witness hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

(1) On or before Tuesday, October 20, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;

(2) On or before Tuesday, October 20, 2020, all parties shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Chief Clerk's Office at: ncucwebex@ncuc.net;

(3) On or before Wednesday, October 21, 2020, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(4) On or before Friday, October 23, 2020, DEP shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(5) Within ten days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and

(6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Chair at the beginning of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk