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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Fuel Charge Adjustment - Public Version Docket No. E-2, Sub 1341

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC" or the "Commission") is the Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 relating to the fuel charge adjustments for electric utilities, together with the direct testimony, exhibits, and workpapers of Dana M. Harrington; direct testimony and exhibits of Kevin Houston, Tom Simril, John D. Swez; and direct testimony of Jeffrey Flanagan and Kelly S. McNeil. We will deliver twelve (12) paper copies of the filing to the Clerk's Office by close of business on June 12, 2024.

Certain information contained in the exhibits of Mr. Swez and Mr. Simril is a trade secret, and confidential, proprietary, and commercially sensitive information. For that reason, it is being filed under seal pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2 and should be protected from disclosure. Parties to the docket may contact the Company to obtain copies pursuant to an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

To facilitate discovery in this matter, please include the email address of <a href="mailto:ncregdiscovery@duke-energy.com">ncregdiscovery@duke-energy.com</a> in connection with all communications regarding discovery. This email address should be used in addition to the email addresses of DEP attorneys and paralegals that have been identified as being involved in this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Ladawn S. Toon

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1341

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                          | ) |                             |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC  | ) | <b>DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS</b> |
| Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.2 and NCUC Rule   | ) | LLC'S APPLICATION           |
| R8-55 Relating to Fuel and Fuel-Related   |   |                             |
| Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities | ) |                             |

Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP," "Company" or "Applicant"), pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C. Gen. Stat.") § 62-133.2 and North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC" or the "Commission") Rule R8-55, hereby makes this Application to adjust the fuel and fuel-related cost component of its electric rates. In support thereof, the Applicant respectfully shows the Commission the following:

1. The Applicant's general offices are located at 410 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, and its mailing address is:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC P. O. Box 1551 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

2. The name and address of Applicant's attorneys are:

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Copies of all pleadings, testimony, orders, and correspondence in this proceeding should be served upon the attorneys listed above.

- 3. NCUC Rule R8-55 provides that the Commission shall schedule annual hearings pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 in order to review changes in the cost of fuel and fuel-related costs since the last general rate case for each utility generating electric power by means of fossil and/or nuclear fuel for the purpose of furnishing North Carolina retail electric service. Rule R8-55 schedules an annual cost of fuel and fuel-related costs adjustment hearing for DEP and requires that the Company use a test period of 12 months ended March 31. Therefore, the test period used in this Application for these proceedings is April 1, 2023 March 31, 2024 ("test period").
- 4. In Docket No. E-2, Sub 1321, DEP's last fuel case, the Commission approved the following fuel and fuel-related costs factors (excluding the Experience Modification Factor ("EMF") and regulatory fee):

Residential 2.882¢ per kWh
Small General Service 3.284¢ per kWh
Medium General Service 2.563¢ per kWh
Large General Service 2.112¢ per kWh
Lighting 4.051¢ per kWh

5. In this Application, DEP proposes fuel and fuel-related costs factors (excluding EMF and regulatory fee) of:

Residential 2.860¢ per kWh Small General Service 3.284¢ per kWh Medium General Service 2.758¢ per kWh Large General Service 2.758¢ per kWh Lighting 2.857¢ per kWh

In addition, these factors should be adjusted for the EMF by an increment/(decrement) (excluding regulatory fee) of:

| Residential            | 0.354¢ per kWh |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Small General Service  | 0.037¢ per kWh |
| Medium General Service | 0.174¢ per kWh |
| Large General Service  | 0.424¢ per kWh |
| Lighting               | 0.900¢ per kWh |

This results in composite fuel and fuel-related costs factors (excluding regulatory fee) of:

| Residential            | 3.214¢ per kWh |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Small General Service  | 3.321¢ per kWh |
| Medium General Service | 2.932¢ per kWh |
| Large General Service  | 3.182¢ per kWh |
| Lighting               | 3.757¢ per kWh |

The new fuel factors should become effective for service on or after December 1, 2024.

- 6. The information and data required to be filed by NCUC Rule R8-55 is contained in the testimony and exhibits of Kevin Houston, Tom Simril, John D. Swez, Jeffrey Flanagan, and Kelly S. McNeil, and the testimony, exhibits, and workpapers of Dana M. Harrington, which are being filed simultaneously with this Application and incorporated herein by reference.
- 7. For comparison, in accordance with Rule R8-55(d)(1) and R8-55(e)(3), base fuel and fuel-related costs factors were also calculated based on the most recent North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") five-year national average nuclear capacity factor of 93.65% using projected billing period sales, and based on the proposed

nuclear capacity factor of 94.99% using normalized test period sales. These base fuel and

| fuel-related costs factors are: | NERC Average   | Normalized Sales |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Residential                     | 3.240¢ per kWh | 3.123¢ per kWh   |
| Small General Service           | 3.346¢ per kWh | 3.208¢ per kWh   |
| Medium General Service          | 2.958¢ per kWh | 2.843¢ per kWh   |
| Large General Service           | 3.207¢ per kWh | 3.106¢ per kWh   |
| Lighting                        | 3.782¢ per kWh | 3.689¢ per kWh   |

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Progress, LLC requests that the Commission issue an order approving composite fuel and fuel-related costs factors (excluding regulatory fee) of:

| Residential            | 3.214¢ per kWh |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Small General Service  | 3.321¢ per kWh |
| Medium General Service | 2.932¢ per kWh |
| Large General Service  | 3.182¢ per kWh |
| Lighting               | 3.757¢ per kWh |

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of June, 2024.

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# VERIFICATION

| STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ) DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1341 COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG )   |
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| Dana M. Harrington, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  |
| That she is Rates and Regulatory Strategy Manager for Duke Energy Progress,  |
| LLC; that she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof; that the  |
| same is true except as to the matters stated therein on information and belief; and as to  |
| those matters, she believes them to be true.   |
| Dana M. Harrington   |
| Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th day of , 2024.  Regarded by OTARL (Official Seal)  Official Signature of Notary  Peace Wholton, Notary Public |
| Notary's printed or typed name   |
| My commission expires: 12-22-2026  |
| I signed this notarial certificate on $\frac{6-5-2004}{6}$ according to the emergency video notarization requirements contained in G.S. 10B-25.              |
| Notary Public location during video notarization: Wake County  |
| Stated physical location of principal during video notarization: Meddenburg County   |

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Fuel Charge Adjustment, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1341, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the parties of record.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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