

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1215

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for)
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility)
and Public Convenience and Necessity to) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARINGS
Construct Approximately 4.6 Miles of New) AND REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE
230 kV Transmission Line in the northeast)
area of Wilmington, New Hanover County,)
North Carolina)

BY THE CHAIR: On August 13, 2019, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to G.S. 62-100 et seq., for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity (certificate) to construct approximately 4.6 miles of new 230 kV transmission line and a substation in New Hanover County, North Carolina. In summary, DEP's application describes the details of the transmission line and the benefits to be provided by the line. Further, the application is supported by pre-filed testimony and a Routing Study and Environmental Report. In addition, the application describes in detail the preferred route for the transmission line. Finally, as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-102(c) the application includes a proposed Public Notice that provides a summary of the application.

The Chair is of the opinion that good cause exists to schedule a public witness hearing and an expert witness hearing to consider DEP's application. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-104(b), the Commission may cancel the public witness and expert witness hearings if no significant protests are filed with the Commission. The Chair further concludes that DEP should be required to publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-102(c), and to file an affidavit of publication with the Commission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public witness hearing shall be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony regarding DEP's application. However, the public witness hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission;

2. That a hearing solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony of the parties regarding DEP's application shall be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury

Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. However, the expert witness hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission;

3. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest and may file expert witness testimony on or before Wednesday, October 9, 2019;

4. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff shall be filed on or before Wednesday, October 9, 2019;

5. That DEP may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Wednesday, October 16, 2019;

6. That the Chief Clerk of the Commission shall deliver two copies of the application and the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application;

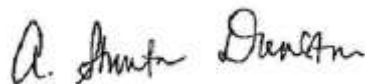
7. That DEP shall publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62(g) in newspapers having general circulation in New Hanover County and Pender County;

8. That DEP shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the expert witness hearing; and

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk

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the northeast area of Wilmington, New)
Hanover County, North Carolina)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 13, 2019, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Applicant) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to obtain a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct approximately 4.6 miles of new 230 kV transmission line in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

The preferred route originates at the site of the proposed Porters Neck Substation, located between U.S. Highway 17 and Porters Neck Road in New Hanover County, North Carolina. The route exits the substation site to the northwest and extends for approximately 380 feet before turning north-northwest for approximately 875 feet while crossing U.S. Highway 17. The route then continues north for approximately 3,170 feet before turning west-northwest. From this point, the preferred route extends approximately 8,105 feet and crosses the alignment for the proposed Hampstead Bypass. The route then extends north for approximately 6,105 feet, crosses Sidbury Road, and then continues to the north for another 2,980 feet. The preferred route alignment then continues to the northwest for approximately 2,555 feet before terminating at a selected tap location along the existing Castle Hayne – Folkstone 230 kV transmission line.

Anyone wishing to view Duke Energy Progress' certificate application report and/or the detailed maps concerning this project may do so at either the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or at the following Duke Energy Progress location: 1451 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403. Please contact Brian R. West at 1-910- 256-7223 prior to the visit. The filing is also available on the Commission's web site, www.ncuc.net. (Search for Docket No. E-2, Sub 1215)

APPENDIX A

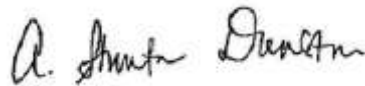
The Commission has scheduled the application for public witness hearing at 7:00 p.m., on October 23, 2019, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. This hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are received subsequent to public notice.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a verified petition under Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-64 no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Such a petition should be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Intervenors shall also file the direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses with the Commission on or before October 9, 2019. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1215. Such written statements will be included in the Commission's official files. Written statements are not considered competent evidence unless persons appear at a public witness hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to Mr. Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The Attorney General is also authorized to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9004.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of August, 2019.

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NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.