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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 and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse

Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing

Docket No. E-2, Sub 1296

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Please find enclosed Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at 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,

Ladawn S. Toon

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1296

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
Rule R8-71 Relating to CPRE Compliance) JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE
Report and CPRE Cost Recovery Rider) WITNESSES FROM
) APPEARANCE AT HEARING
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NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or "Company") and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff"), by and through counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission"), and hereby move the Commission to issue an order excusing all affiants and witnesses from testifying at the September 14, 2022 evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned matter.

In support of this motion, DEP and the Public Staff show the following:

- On June 14, 2022, DEP pre-filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses
 Christy J. Walker and Angela M. Tabor in support of the Company's Application in this docket.
- 2. On August 17, 2022, DEP filed the Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of witness Christy J. Walker.
- 3. On August 24, 2022, the Public Staff filed the affidavits of Hemanth Meda and Jeff T. Thomas.

- 4. On September 1, 2022, DEP filed the Rebuttal Testimony of Angela M. Tabor addressing network upgrade estimates associated with Marley Solar, LLC, a Tranche 2 winning project.
- 5. Public Staff and DEP have discussed the issue of Marley Solar, LLC and agree that a future DEP rate case is the appropriate context to review final network upgrade costs associated with Marley Solar, LLC, once it is ripe to do so. DEP and the Public Staff have also discussed and agree that there are no other matters of dispute between DEP and the Public Staff in this proceeding.
- 6. Counsel for DEP and the Public Staff have consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of the Company's witnesses and Public Staff's affiants and do not object to the introduction of their testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record.
- 7. DEP and the Public Staff request that DEP's witnesses Angela M. Tabor and Christy J. Walker, and the Public Staff's affiants, Hemanth Meda and Jeff T. Thomas, be excused from appearing at the evidentiary hearing, unless the Commission has questions for these individuals.
- 8. DEP and the Public Staff further request that the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of DEP's witnesses and the affidavits of the Public Staff's affiants be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.
- 9. WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff respectfully move the Commission to: (1) excuse DEP's witnesses, Christy J. Walker and Angela M. Tabor and the Public Staff's affiants, Hemanth Meda and Jeff T. Thomas, from

appearing at the evidentiary hearing, unless the Commission has questions for these individuals; (2) receive into evidence the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the aforementioned individuals; and (3) grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 7th day of September, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1296, 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 7th day of September, 2022.

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