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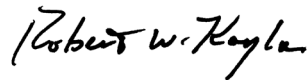
**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to
Excuse Witnesses from Evidentiary Hearing
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1324**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing, for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1324

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Approval of Joint Agency Asset Rider for Recovery of Costs Related to Facilities Purchased from Joint Power Agency Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.14 and Rule R8-70)	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC AND THE PUBLIC STAFF’S JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES FROM APPEARANCE AT HEARING

NOW COME Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” or “Company”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the September 19, 2023 Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned matter. In support of this motion, DEP and the Public Staff show the following:

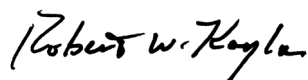
1. On June 13, 2023, DEP filed its Application for Approval of the Joint Agency Asset Rider to Recover Costs Related to Facilities Purchased from the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency, along with the testimony and exhibits of witness Bryan L. Sykes in this docket.
2. On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice*, setting the date and time for an Evidentiary Hearing in this docket to begin on September 19, 2023, to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-2, Subs 1320, 1321, 1322, and 1323.

3. On August 28, 2023, the Public Staff filed the affidavit of Meredith Strickland recommending approval of the rates requested by the Company in its Application.

4. 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 and Public Staff's witnesses and do not object to the introduction of their affidavit, testimony, and/or exhibits into the record.

Accordingly, DEP and the Public Staff request that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the September 19, 2023 hearing in this docket and that the testimony and exhibits of the respective witnesses be received into the record.

Respectfully submitted this the 11th day of September, 2023.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and the Public Staff's Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1324, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 11th day of September, 2023.



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