

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1272

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)	ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel)	CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for)	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
Electric Utilities)	PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 7, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) and the Public Staff filed a Joint Motion for Certain Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at the Evidentiary Hearing. In the Motion, counsel for DEP stated that the counsel for all parties were consulted and all parties agreed to waive cross examination of DEP witnesses Dana M. Harrington, Kenneth D. Church, and Benjamin Waltrip, and Public Staff witnesses Michelle M. Boswell and Evan D. Lawrence.

On September 17, 2021, DEP and the Sierra Club filed a Joint Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Hearing. In that Motion, counsel for the DEP and the Sierra Club stated that all parties agreed to waive cross examination of DEP witnesses Bryan P. Walsh and John A. Verdrame and Sierra Club witness Devi Glick.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse all witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before October 21, 2021, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk