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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**Re: Duke Energy Progress, LLC Western Carolinas Modernization Project
Status Update
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1089**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I write on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) to update the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) on the status of the two-unit Asheville Combined Cycle Project approved by the Commission in its March 28, 2016 *Order Granting Application in Part, with Conditions, and Denying Application in Part* (“CPCN Order”) in connection with the referenced matter.

On January 15, 2020, the Unit 7 Combustion Turbine of the Asheville Combined Cycle Power Block 2 went into commercial operation. On January 29, 2020, DEP retired the Asheville Coal Units 1 and 2 to permanently cease operations of all coal-fired generating units at the Asheville site.

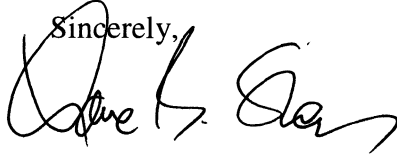
DEP continues to work with the original equipment manufacturer to repair a manufacturing defect in the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator of Power Block 2 and currently expects to place the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator into commercial operation in the first quarter 2020. DEP will update the Commission once the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator has been placed into service or should the status change.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence B. Somers

cc: David Drooz, Public Staff
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Western Carolinas Modernization Project Status Update, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1089, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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This is the 30th day of January, 2020.

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