

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1205

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)
Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy) ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery) TO EXCUSE WITNESSES
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-67)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 21, 2019, the Commission issued an Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a public witness and expert witness hearing on Monday, September 9, 2019. Testimony and exhibits of two witnesses, Travis E. Payne and Veronica I. Williams, have been filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP). Affidavits of two witnesses, Michelle M. Boswell and Evan Lawrence (affiants), were filed by the Public Staff.

On August 30, 2019, DEP filed a motion requesting that DEP's witnesses be excused from attending the expert witness hearing. DEP stated that DEP consulted with counsel for all parties in this docket and all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEP's witnesses and offer no objection to the introduction of the witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record. Further, DEP stated that DEP and the Public Staff agree that if there is not a timely request filed to cross-examine the Public Staff's affiants, the affiants' affidavits can be introduced as evidence.

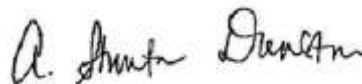
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse DEP's witnesses from attending the expert witness hearing on September 9, 2019, to receive their testimony and exhibits into evidence at the hearing, and to hold in abeyance a ruling on the Public Staff's affidavits until after the time for requesting cross-examination of the affiants has expired.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk