## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for an Order Approving a Job Retention Rider	ORDER APPROVING ORDER APPROVING END OF JOB RETENTION PILOT PROGRAM AND APPROVING CUSTOMER NOTICE  ORDER
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In the Matter of Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility Service in North Carolina	

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 23, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulation, Deciding Contested Issues and Granting Partial Rate Increase (Rate Order), in the above-captioned dockets authorizing Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) to adjust its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. In addition, the Rate Order approved a Job Retention Pilot Program (JRPP) for the purpose of retaining industrial jobs in North Carolina. The JRPP was approved for one year, with the option to renew the JRPP for a second year, upon a showing that the JRPP is achieving its intended results. Further, the Rate Order approved a Job Retention Rider (JRR) as the revenue source that funds the JRPP.

On July 22, 2019, DEP filed a letter and supporting tariffs notifying the Commission that DEP has elected not to renew the JRPP for a second year. In addition, DEP provided a proposed Customer Notice to be used as a bill insert to inform all customers of the end of the JRPP and JRR. Further, DEP stated that once all activity related to the JRPP concludes, DEP anticipates filing a request by mid-November 2019 to address via a true-up rider the revenue differences between the amount received under the JRR and the cost of the JRPP. DEP stated that the true-up rider would be in effect for 12 months, beginning on January 1, 2020, which will coincide with other rate rider changes. Moreover, DEP stated that interest will accrue on any over-collected JRPP balance. Finally, DEP stated that it has discussed this proposal with the Public Staff, and that the Public Staff supports this approach.

Based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Commission finds good cause to grant DEP's request to exercise the option not to renew the Job Retention Pilot Program, to revise its tariffs to reflect the end of the Job Retention Rider as of September 1, 2019, and to send all customers its proposed Customer Notice by bill insert.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That DEP's request to not renew the Job Retention Pilot Program, and to revise its tariffs to reflect the end of the Job Retention Rider as of September 1, 2019, is hereby approved.
- 2. That DEP's proposed Customer Notice, to be provided to all DEP customers by bill insert, is hereby approved.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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