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**RE: Duke Energy Progress, Inc. Request to Revise Meter-Related
Optional Programs Rider MROP
Docket No. E-2, Sub 834**

Dear Ms. Mount:

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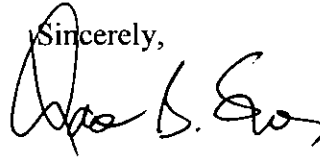
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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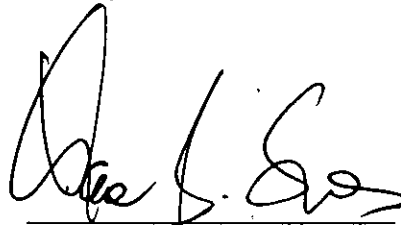
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METER-RELATED OPTIONAL PROGRAMS RIDER MROP-8

AVAILABILITY

These programs are available upon request and on a voluntary basis to those customers as described below, subject to the availability of appropriate metering and meter-related equipment.

I. TOTALMETER PROGRAM

Metering equipment to allow remote automated meter reading by Company will be provided upon execution of an application for TotalMeter. The application describes the conditions of service, states all charges, and provides for a termination charge should the TotalMeter option be discontinued prior to 24 consecutive months of service. Customer receiving the TotalMeter option may select a desired meter-reading day. Monthly rates and other charges related to the TotalMeter are as follows:

Monthly Rate for TotalMeter

Option 1: Customer-supplied suitable telephone communications line ¹	\$ 4.80
Option 2: Company-supplied wireless telephone communications circuit	\$21.50

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TotalMeter charges shall not apply when Company, at its option, determines that remote automated meter reading is necessary for Company's own use. Receipt of the TotalMeter option shall in no way restrict or otherwise limit Company's right of ingress and egress to read meters and inspect, maintain, repair and replace the meters and other facilities installed to serve Customer whenever necessary.

II. LOAD PROFILER ONLINE

The Load Profiler Online (LPO) program is available to any non-residential customer with a registered or contract demand of 30 kW or greater. LPO is an Internet-based program permitting Customer access to historic meter data from any internet-capable location. Access to meter data is both identification/name and password restricted. Monthly rates and other charges related to LPO are as follows:

Monthly Rate for LPO

Rate for meter data per individual meter (updated monthly)	\$25.00 per meter
Rate for totalized meter data only (updated monthly)	\$35.00 per totalized account
Rate for meter data per individual meter (updated each business day)	\$60.00 per meter
Set-up fee per meter	\$50.00
Set-up fee for totalized meter data only	\$50.00

Provision of LPO requires that the standard meter, as determined solely by Company based upon the Customer's electrical requirement, have the capability of recording electrical consumption information on a 15-minute interval basis. Additional monthly rates and other charges, as described in Section III below, will apply if the standard meter based upon customer's electrical requirement does not have interval data capability.

III. CUSTOMER REQUESTS INSTALLATION OF NON-STANDARD METERING

Company, in its sole determination, shall establish appropriate meter standards based upon Customer's electrical requirement. If a non-residential customer desires additional meter services that require the installation of a non-standard meter, Company will comply for the following monthly rate and other charges:

Monthly Rate for non-standard meter with interval data capability	\$0.48 per month
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The following fees apply when the non-standard meter will not be remotely read:

Meter Set-up Fee	\$18.75
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A charge shall apply if Customer requests termination prior to 24 consecutive months of operation of a non-standard meter option that provides interval data. The charge shall equal the monthly rate times the sum of 24 minus the number of months the non-standard meter service has been received, not to exceed 24 months.

GENERAL

Upon appropriate notice to Customer, Company reserves the right to suspend and/or terminate any or all of these meter-related programs at any time if providing the requested program is not feasible. Company does not guarantee continuous provision of these meter-related programs but shall use reasonable diligence at all times to provide the program without interruption and having used reasonable diligence shall not be liable to Customer for damages, for failure in, or for interruptions or suspension of the same.

Service rendered under this Rider is subject to the provisions of the Service Regulations of the Company on file with the state regulatory commission. The provisions of this Rider are subject to change upon approval of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Supersedes Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-7
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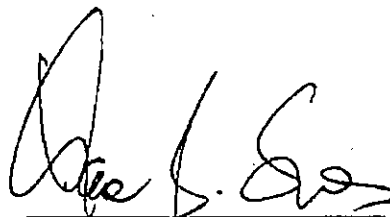
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