

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1253

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. § 62-133.14 and) ACCEPTING TESTIMONY, CANCELING
Commission Rule R8-70 for Approval of a) EXPERT WITNESS HEARING, AND
Joint Agency Asset Rider for Recovery of) REQUIRING PROPOSED ORDERS
Joint Agency Asset Costs)

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 29, 2020, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to be held on September 15, 2020. On August 7, 2020, the Commission issued a revised Scheduling Order confirming that the public witness hearing will be held in person on September 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., and rescheduling the expert witness hearing to be held remotely on Webex at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

On September 8, 2020, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and the Public Staff (jointly, Movants) filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the September 15, 2020 expert witness hearing, and accept the expert witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants stated that they have consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEP's and the Public Staff's witnesses, and do not object to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

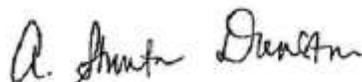
Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse all DEP and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before October 16, 2020, 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 10th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk