

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2020-157-E - ORDER NO. 2020-580

OCTOBER 2, 2020

IN RE: Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for) ORDER GRANTING
an Expedited Decision and Issuance of a) LIKE-FACILITY
Declaratory Order that a Certificate of) DETERMINATION
Environmental Compatibility and Public)
Convenience and Necessity for the)
Relocation of Four 230kV Lines at H.B.)
Robinson Steam Electric Plant is Not)
Required)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a request from Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) for an expedited decision and issuance of a Declaratory Order that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the relocation of four 230kV Lines at H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (Robinson Plant) is not required. The Commission received the request on June 26, 2020, and addressed it for the first time, seeking more information on July 22, 2020, by Commission Order No. 2020-498. Subsequently, the Commission timely received a satisfactory response from DEP and now grants the request.

In July 2015, DEP executed a consent agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”) requiring the excavation of the inactive coal ash fill area at the Company’s Robinson Plant within eight years. In

accordance with the consent agreement, the Company states in its Petition that it is moving forward with plans to excavate the coal ash, and certain transmission lines are located on DEP's property within the boundaries of the Robinson Plant site need to be moved. DEP states that, in order to allow for continued excavation of coal ash onsite in accordance with the consent agreement with DHEC, it needs to permanently relocate the transmission lines from the existing route. The total length of the portions of the Transmission Lines being relocated is approximately 1.5 miles. The Company maintains that the re-placement of the Transmission Lines is essential to the completion of the Company's obligations under the consent agreement with DHEC and its continued operations at the Robinson Plant.

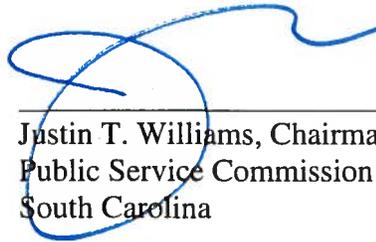
According to the Petition, relocation of the Transmission Lines will take place on DEP-owned property and will not require any additional rights or easements from third-party property owners. As such, DEP seeks a "like facility" designation under Code Section 58-33-110(1). The relocation project is currently on a schedule that allows for the work to coincide with the upcoming refueling outage for the Robinson Plant.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and has indicated that it has no objection.

The Commission approves Duke Energy Progress's Petition for a "like facility" designation under South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-33-110(1), so that the utility may relocate the Four 230kV lines at H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant as described in the Petition.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Justin T. Williams, Chairman
Public Service Commission
South Carolina

