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EASEMENT

State of North Carolina
County of Wake

THIS EASEMENT (“**Easement**”) is made this ____ day of ____ 20 ____, from **WAKE COUNTY**, a body politic and corporate (“**Grantor**”, whether one or more), to **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC**, a North Carolina limited liability company (“**Grantee**”).

Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto Grantee a perpetual and non-exclusive easement, to construct, reconstruct, operate, patrol, maintain, repair, replace, relocate, add to, modify, and remove electric and communication lines including, but not limited to, all necessary supporting structures, and all other appurtenant apparatus and equipment for the transmission and distribution of electrical energy, and for technological purposes related to the operation of the electric facilities and for the communication purposes of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (collectively, “**Facilities**”).

Grantor is the owner of that certain property described in that instrument recorded in **Deed Book 18956, Page 771**, also shown as **New Lot 3** on a plat entitled “**Recombination Plat by Merger of Lots 1 & 2 Deed Book 18956, PG. 771 (Wake County Registry) for Wake County**”, as recorded in **Book of Maps 2025, Page 376, Wake County Register of Deeds (“Property”)**.

The Facilities shall be underground, except as needed on or above the ground to support the underground Facilities, and located in, upon, along, under, through, and across a portion of the Property within an easement area described as follows:

A strip of land twenty feet (10') in uniform width, lying equidistant on both sides of a centerline, which centerline shall be established by the center of the Facilities as installed, along with an area ten feet (5') wide on all sides of the foundation of any Grantee enclosure/transformer, vault and/or manhole, (hereinafter referred to as the “Easement Area”).

The rights granted herein include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Grantee shall have the right of ingress and egress over the Easement Area, (using lanes, driveways, and adjoining public roads where practical as determined by Grantee).
2. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Easement Area, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, trees, limbs, undergrowth, other vegetation, and obstructions.
3. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Property, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, dead, diseased, weak, dying, or leaning trees or limbs, which, in the opinion of Grantee, might fall upon the Easement Area or interfere with the safe and reliable operation of the Facilities.
4. Grantee shall have the right to relocate the Facilities and Easement Area on the Property to conform to any future highway or street relocation, widening, or alterations.
5. Grantor shall not place, or permit the placement of, any structures, improvements, facilities, or obstructions, within or adjacent to the Easement Area, which may interfere with the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Grantee shall have the right to remove any such structure, improvement, facility, or obstruction at the expense of Grantor.
6. Excluding the removal of vegetation, structures, improvements, facilities, and obstructions as provided herein, Grantee shall promptly repair or cause to be repaired any physical damage to the surface area of the Easement Area and Property resulting from the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Such repair shall be to a condition which is reasonably close to the condition prior to the damage, and shall only be to the extent such damage was caused by Grantee or its contractors or employees.
7. The rights granted in this Easement include the right to install Facilities wherever needed on the Property to serve future development on the Property and adjoining lands. Portions of the Facilities may be installed immediately and other portions may be installed in the future as the need develops. Facilities installed in the future shall be installed at locations mutually agreeable to the parties hereto if they are to be located outside of the Easement Area. Upon any future installations of Facilities at mutually agreed locations, the Easement Area shall be deemed to include such future locations.
8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, the general location of the Facilities is shown on the sketch attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The final and definitive location of the Easement Area shall become established by and upon the final installation and erection of the Facilities by Grantee in substantial compliance with Exhibit A.
9. All other rights and privileges reasonably necessary, in Grantee's sole discretion, for the safe, reliable, and efficient installation, operation, and maintenance of the Facilities.

The terms Grantor and Grantee shall include the respective heirs, successors, and assigns of Grantor and Grantee. The failure of Grantee to exercise or continue to exercise or enforce any of the rights herein granted shall not be construed as a waiver or abandonment of the right thereafter at any time, or from time to time, to exercise any and all such rights.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said rights, privilege, and easement unto Grantee, its successors, licensees, and assigns, forever. Grantor warrants and covenants that Grantor has the full right and authority to convey to Grantee this perpetual Easement, and that Grantee shall have quiet and peaceful possession, use and enjoyment of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has signed this Easement under seal effective this ____ day of _____, 20____.

WAKE COUNTY
a body politic and corporate

_____(SEAL)
Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Yvonne C. Gilyard, Clerk to the Board

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public of certify that Yvonne C. Gilyard, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is the Clerk of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and that by authority duly given, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by Yvonne C. Gilyard as its Clerk.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this ____ day of _____, 20____.



Notary Public: _____
Commission expires: _____