

Item Title: First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease with Duke Energy Progress, LLC at the Wake County Fire Training Center

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves the First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease with Duke Energy Progress, LLC; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Chairman to execute such documents (along with any supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

In 1983 Wake County entered into a lease agreement with Carolina Power and Light Company, for the construction, development, and joint use of a Fire Training Center on land located near the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. The attached site map shows the Wake County Fire Training Center location at 5413 Shooting Lane. This facility was funded and constructed by the County.

The Fire Training Center is jointly used by a number of firefighting departments to train their respective personnel for the protection of our citizens and property. The facility is also used to train Duke Energy employees in firefighting techniques for protection of the power plant. Our citizens are safer due to the existence and utilization of this training center for firefighters from Wake County, as well as municipal and rural fire departments from across the region.

Subsequent to the original lease signing, Carolina Power and Light Company merged with a Florida company and changed its corporate name to Progress Energy. The original lease allowed a five year extension at the option of the County and that extension was exercised with Progress Energy in 2012. The term of the existing lease for this facility terminates December 31, 2017.

Since Duke Energy has acquired Progress Energy, County staff has been working with Duke Energy on terms for a new lease extension. The current name of the utility entity is now Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

The attached First Amendment to Lease Agreement extends the term of the lease through December 31, 2022 and provides for further extensions as set forth in the attached Amendment. If the lease amendment is approved by the Board, County staff will record the attached Memorandum of Lease at the Wake County Register of Deeds Office.

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Attachments:

1. First Amendment to Lease Agreement
2. Memorandum of Lease
3. Site Map