

Prepared by: Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Return to: Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Attn: Southeastern Land Co.
P.O. Box 1241
Conway, SC 29528

Parcel # 0722585884

EASEMENT

State of North Carolina

County of Wake

THIS EASEMENT (“**Easement**”) is made this ____ day of _____ 20____, from **TOWN OF CARY AND TOWN OF APEX**, Municipal Corporations of the State of North Carolina (“**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 3987, Page 254, and Deed Book 17113, Page 1585, and Deed Book 18826, Page 2006, 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 Ten 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 five 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, Property, and any adjoining lands now owned or hereinafter acquired by Grantor (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. 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.
5. 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 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.
6. 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 neighboring 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 at the widths defined in this Easement.
7. 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.
8. All other rights and privileges reasonably necessary, in Grantee's reasonable 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____.

TOWN OF CARY

Russ Overton, Deputy Town Manager (SEAL)

Attest:

Virginia H. Johnson, Town Clerk

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, State of _____, certify that Virginia H. Johnson personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is Town Clerk of TOWN OF CARY, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of said Town of Cary, the foregoing EASEMENT was signed in its name by its Deputy Town Manager, sealed with its official seal, and attested by herself/himself as its Town Clerk.

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



Notary Public: _____
Commission expires: _____

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

TOWN OF APEX

(SEAL)

Attest:

_____, Town Clerk

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, State of _____, certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is Town Clerk of TOWN OF APEX, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of said Town of Apex, the foregoing EASEMENT was signed in its name by its _____, sealed with its official seal, and attested by herself/himself as its Town Clerk.

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



Notary Public: _____

Commission expires: _____