
CONSTRUCTION MONITOR MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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AUGUST 2026 — MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION MONITORING REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This August 2026 Construction Monitoring Report (CMR) has been prepared by E3 Consulting Services, LLC (E3) pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-195 and § 58-33-200 for the Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) Person County natural gas combined cycle facility (the Project). E3 is a consultant to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) as construction monitor under § 58-33-195 and serving as the independent construction analyst under § 58-33-200.

The Project is a 1,365 megawatt (MW) natural gas combined cycle generating facility to be located in Person County, North Carolina. This CMR provides an update on E3's construction monitoring activities during August 2026 related to the Project's progress. E3's analysis is based on documents and responses to questions received from DEP on August 10, 2026, in response to the ORS request for information dated July 27, 2026 including documentation provided in the May 2026 engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor's May 2026 monthly project report updated with actual progress through May. In addition, E3 participated in a joint meeting held on August 20, 2026, with ORS and DEP to discuss the Project status. E3 has not visited the Project site in-person at this time.

DEP awarded the EPC contract to Zachry Group and DEP reports that Zachry has mobilized to the site. The primary focus for Zachry on-site has been completing civil works. In addition, Zachry is developing the project management, plant engineering, civil design (including geotechnical investigations), mechanical and electrical design criteria required to establish the basis of design for the Project

During the August 20, 2026, joint meeting, DEP stated that the overall budget is consistent with the original estimated budget and contingencies have improved due to favorable contract negotiations with the EPC contractor and equipment suppliers.

Based on E3's analysis of the information available and meetings attended, the Project is currently expected to be completed on budget and on schedule.

2.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Person Project is a natural gas fired facility consisting of two 2x1 configured combined cycle power blocks, Combined Cycle Block 1 (CC-1) and Combined Cycle Block 2 (CC-2), with a total generating capacity of 1,365 MW each. The 2x1 configuration consists of two combustion turbine generators (CTG) with a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG) providing steam to a steam turbine generator (STG). The CTGs are

capable of firing hydrogen as a future fuel source. The Project is to be constructed adjacent to an existing energy complex with water and transmission networks available.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL, PERMIT AND COMPLIANCE STATUS

During the August 20, 2026, joint meeting, DEP stated all necessary permits have been obtained to continue progressing the work. DEP is working with the EPC contractor to secure any remaining permits as each is required.

4.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS AND STATUS OF EPC CONTRACTOR

4.1 Engineering

The EPC contractor's May 2026 monthly progress report indicates that the actual engineering progress was not meeting planned progress through the end of May. However, during the August 20, 2026, joint meeting, DEP reported that current actual engineering progress has improved since May and is now meeting the schedule requirements.

4.2 Procurement

DEP has procured all necessary major power island equipment. The balance of plant equipment is provided by the EPC contractor.

During the August 20, 2026, joint meeting, DEP reported that the first combustion turbine has arrived on-site.

4.3 Construction

Zachry continues to make construction progress. DEP stated during August 20, 2026, joint meeting that the civil site works is slightly ahead of plan.

5.0 INTERCONNECTION STATUS (WORK OUTSIDE OF EPC CONTRACT)

5.1 Electrical Interconnection Status

There is no update regarding the electrical interconnection activities for this month.

5.2 Water Supply and Discharge Status

There is no update regarding the water supply and discharge activities for this month.

5.3 Gas Supply Status

There is no update regarding the gas supply activities for this month.

6.0 BUDGET REVIEW

During the August 20, 2026, joint meeting, DEP stated the Project budget is consistent with the budget provided during the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) hearing and contingencies have increased overall due to contract negotiations and finalization.

7.0 SCHEDULE REVIEW

For CC1, DEP reports the EPC contractor submitted the Project baseline schedule, and initial review is complete. Final approval of the baseline schedule by DEP is expected around August 2026.

For CC2, DEP reports the EPC contractor is expected to submit the Project baseline schedule in December 2026, and DEP is targeting final approval in Q2 2027.

7.1 Milestone Review

The following table shows the key milestone dates for the Project from the CPCN testimonies by DEP.

Table 1
Key Milestones for Person Combined Cycle Block 1 (CC-1)
and Combined Cycle Block 2 (CC-2)

Event	CC-1 Date	CC-2 Date
Award CTG Contract	Completed	Completed
Receive CPCN ruling	Completed	Completed
Obtain Air Permit	Completed	Completed
Award EPC Contract	Completed	Completed
Begin Site Works	Completed	Q4 2026
Natural Gas Available	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Transmission Backfeed	Q4 2027	Q3 2028
Commissioning and Testing	Q2 2028	Q2 2029
Substantial Completion & Commercial Operation	Q4 2028	Q4 2029
Final Completion	Q1 2029	Q2 2030

ATTACHMENT A – REPORT ACRONYMS

The following table shows the acronyms used in this CMR and the definition for each.

Table 2
Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
CC-1	Combined Cycle Block 1
CC-2	Combined Cycle Block 2
CM	Construction Monitor
CMR	Construction Monitoring Report
CPCN	Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
CTG	Combustion Turbine Generator
DEP	Duke Energy Progress, LLC
E3	E3 Consulting Services, LLC
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction
HRSG	Heat Recovery Steam Generator
MW	Megawatt
ORS	South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff
Q1	First Quarter
Q2	Second Quarter
Q3	Third Quarter
Q4	Fourth Quarter
STG	Steam Turbine Generator