

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 157

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. E-2, SUB 1159)	
Docket No. E-7, SUB 1156)	
)	
In the Matter of)	
Joint Petition of Duke Energy)	
Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy)	ORDER REQUIRING INTERIM
Progress, LLC, for Approval of)	CPRE PROGRAM REPORTS,
Competitive Procurement of)	ALLOWING INTERIM
Renewable Energy Program)	IMPLEMENTATION OF CPRE
)	PROGRAM PLANS, AND
Docket No. E-100, SUB 157)	ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE
)	FOR FILING OF COMMENTS
)	
In the Matter of)	
2018 Biennial Integrated Resource)	
Plans and Related 2018 REPS)	
Compliance Plans)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 5, 2018, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (together, Duke), filed updates to their Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program Plan, as part of their 2018 biennial integrated resource planning (IRP) reports.

On October 5, 2018, in Docket Nos. E-100, Sub 101, E-2, Sub 1159, and E-7, Sub 1156, the Commission issued an Order Approving Interim Modifications to North Carolina Interconnection Procedures for Tranche 1 of CPRE RFP. Among other things, that Order allowed parties to file comments related to the timing of consideration of potential changes to the administration of the CPRE Program.

On November 5, 2018, Duke filed a letter in response to the Commission's request for comments. In its letter, commits to work with the Independent Administrator to identify "lessons learned" from the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation and to provide the Commission with interim reports on a schedule detailed in the letter.¹

¹ On December 7, 2018, the first of these reports was filed with the Commission in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1159, and E-2, Sub 1156.

Also on November 5, 2018, the Public Staff filed comments. The Public Staff states that it supports the schedule of reports proposed by Duke in its letter and further recommends that the initial interim report include price information, with appropriate treatment if that information is considered confidential.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Commission finds good cause to require the filing of the interim reports regarding the status and results of the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation, as proposed by Duke, and to require the inclusion of the price information in those reports, as recommended by the Public Staff. In addition, it appears that there is uncertainty about which CPRE Program plan and Guidelines that Duke is, or should be, operating under at this time: the initial CPRE Program plan that the Commission approved in February 2018 for use in the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation, or the proposed CPRE Program plan that Duke filed with its 2018 biennial IRP filing. Therefore, the Commission further finds good cause to resolve this uncertainty by allowing Duke to implement the CPRE Program plan filed with its 2018 biennial IRP filing on an interim basis while the Commission receives comments on that plan. Finally, the Commission finds good cause to direct the parties who desire to provide comments on Duke's proposed CPRE Program plans to do so in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159, and E-7, Sub 1156, and not in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC shall file with the Commission interim reports regarding the status and results of the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation on the schedule proposed in its letter filed with the Commission on November 5, 2018. These interim reports shall include the pricing information as recommended by the Public Staff in its comments that were also filed with the Commission on November 5, 2018;

2. That Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC shall be, and are hereby, authorized to implement the CPRE Program plans filed with the Commission on September 1, 2018, on an interim basis, including the scheduled opening of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation in July 2019 and other adjustments to the proposed schedule of RFP Solicitations. This authorization shall be without prejudice as to the right of any party to file comments with the Commission regarding the CPRE Program plans, or the Commission to order changes in the CPRE Program plans;

3. That any party to these proceedings that desires to present comments to the Commission on the CPRE Program plans filed with the Commission on September 1, 2018, shall file their comments in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159, and Docket No. E-7, Sub 1156, as follows:

- a. On or before January 31, 2019, all parties may, and the Public Staff shall, file initial comments on the CPRE Program plans filed with the Commission on September 1, 2018, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157. These comments

may also address or respond to the interim reports required by Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order;

- b. On or before March 29, 2019, all parties may file reply comments addressing the other parties' initial comments on the CPRE Program plans filed with the Commission on September 1, 2018, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157. These comments may also address or respond to the interim reports required by Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order;
 - c. Upon receipt of the interim reports that are required by this Order and of the parties' initial comments, and reply comments, the Commission will proceed appropriately in considering the updates to the CPRE Program plans; and
4. That the Chief Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Order to the parties to the proceedings in Docket No. E-100, Subs 101.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of December, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk