

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213

In the Matter of  
Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for  
Approval of Prepaid Advantage Program

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214

In the Matter of  
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,  
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges  
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in  
North Carolina

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,  
for an Accounting Order to Defer Incremental  
Storm Damage Expenses Incurred as a  
Result of Hurricanes Florence and Michael  
and Winter Storm Diego

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

In the Matter of  
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,  
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges  
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in  
North Carolina

ORDER ACCEPTING  
RECOMMENDED CONSOLIDATED  
ISSUES FOR REMOTE EXPERT  
WITNESS HEARING AND  
POSTPONING SEPARATE ISSUE  
HEARINGS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONERS: On June 17, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Procedures for Expert Witness Hearings (Hearing Order), in the above-captioned dockets. The Hearing Order, among other things, scheduled a hearing to be held remotely beginning on July 27, 2020, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on certain consolidated issues raised by the general rate case

applications of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP). The Hearing Order identified as consolidated issues the following topics: (1) rate of return on common equity, (2) capital structure of the utilities to be used to determine the overall weighted cost of capital, and (3) the treatment of excess deferred income taxes. In addition, the Hearing Order requested that the parties work together to propose additional topics that would be appropriate for consideration during the consolidated issues phase of the hearing. Further, the Hearing Order directed that the hearing on consolidated issues would be followed by a separate DEC hearing commencing on August 4, 2020, to consider the remaining DEC issues, to be immediately followed by a separate hearing in DEP's rate case to consider the remaining DEP issues.

On July 2, 2020, DEC and DEP (collectively Duke), filed a Consolidated Hearing Issues Matrix that, among other things, identified the following additional topics to be addressed during the consolidated hearing: (1) credit quality, (2) Grid Improvement Plan, and (3) affordability. Duke stated that all parties either support or do not oppose the presentation of expert witness testimony on the above additional topics during the consolidated phase of the hearing. In addition, the Matrix included the parties' proposed order of witnesses and the parties' estimated cross-examination time for each witness.

Based on Duke's filing on behalf of the parties and the records in these dockets, the Presiding Commissioners find good cause to add cost of debt as a consolidated issue, and to schedule the following topics for a consolidated hearing to be held remotely beginning on July 27, 2020, to be heard in the following order: (1) capital structure of the utilities to be used to determine the overall weighted cost of capital, (2) cost of debt, (3) rate of return on common equity, (4) credit quality, (5) treatment of excess deferred income taxes, (6) Grid Improvement Plan, and (7) affordability.

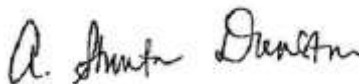
In addition, based on the parties' estimated cross-examination times for the consolidated hearing, the Presiding Commissioners conclude that the consolidated hearing is likely to require more than the one week scheduled for it in the Hearing Order. Therefore, the Commission hereby gives notice that the separate DEC hearing previously scheduled to commence on August 4, 2020, and the separate DEP hearing previously scheduled to immediately follow, will not commence on August 4, 2020, but will be rescheduled for a date certain to be set by subsequent order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of July, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk