

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1321

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)	ORDER GRANTING
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel)	EXTENSION OF TIME
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for)	
Electric Utilities)	

BY THE CHAIR: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2, the Commission is required to conduct annual fuel charge adjustment proceedings for electric utilities engaged in the generation or production of electricity by fossil or nuclear fuels. Commission Rule R8-55 schedules an annual cost of fuel and fuel-related costs adjustment hearing for Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) and requires that DEP use a test period of 12 months ended March 31.

On June 13, 2023, DEP filed its application in the above-captioned docket. By its application, DEP requests changes in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after December 1, 2023. The proposed changes in fuel rates would result in increases of the current fuel rates of all customer classes, with the amount of the increase varying for different customer classes.

On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Deadlines, and Requiring Public Notice (the Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order provides in pertinent part that the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Tuesday, August 29, 2023; that DEP may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Thursday, September 7, 2023; and that this matter be set for hearing on September 19, 2023.

The Commission has permitted the interventions of the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates II (CIGFUR) and the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., (CUCA). The intervention of the Public Staff is recognized pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-15(d) and Commission Rule R1-19(e).

On August 28, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion with the Commission seeking a three-day extension for the Public Staff and other intervenors to file testimony and exhibits and a one-day extension for DEP to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits. In support of the motion, the Public Staff states:

1. The Public Staff and DEP have been diligently working through several matters, including the methodology for weather normalization and also replacement power costs. These activities have resolved many issues between the Public Staff and DEP, and DEP filed supplemental testimony on August 28, 2023, addressing many contested issues between the Public Staff and DEP;

2. DEP's supplemental filing contains some new information which the Public Staff requests additional time to review to ensure that the Public Staff's testimony and exhibits may reflect the new information;

3. The extension of time should allow the Public Staff and DEP to work on a settlement on contested issues;

4. DEP supports the Public Staff's request for an extension;

5. CUCA consents to the Public Staff's request for an extension; and

6. CIGFUR opposes the request.

Finally, the Public Staff states that the request for an extension should not prejudice or harm any other intervenors as it will provide all intervenors with time to review DEP's August 28, 2023 supplemental testimony and with additional time to prepare their testimony and exhibits.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Chair finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion for an extension of time.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk