STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Virginia Electric and) ORDER EXCUSING
Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy) WITNESSES, ACCEPTING
North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its	TESTIMONY, CANCELING
Electric Rates and Charges and Revise	EXPERT WITNESS HEARING,
its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen.) AND SETTING DATE FOR BRIEFS
Stat. 62-133.2 and NCUC Rule R8-55) AND PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 9, 2022, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Applicant), filed its application in the above-captioned docket requesting a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. The Application was accompanied by the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Jeffrey D. Matzen, Ronnie T. Campbell, Dale E. Hinson, Christopher D. Clemens, and Timothy P. Stuller.

On August 30, 2022, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I (CIGFUR I) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission granted the Petition on September 1, 2022.

On September 16, 2022, Nucor Steel-Hertford (Nucor) filed a Petition to Intervene in this docket. The Petition was granted on September 19, 2022.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period which, among other things, requested authority to include in its request for recovery the deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022. On October 18, 2022, the Company filed the supplemental testimonies and exhibits of witnesses Ronnie T. Campbell, Dale E. Hinson, Jeffrey D. Matzen, and Timothy P. Stuller.

On October 24, 2022, the Public Staff filed the testimony of witnesses Evan D. Lawrence and Fenge Zhang.

Also on October 24, 2022, CIGFUR I filed the testimony and exhibits of Brian C. Collins.

On November 1, 2022, the Company filed the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Ronnie T. Campbell and Timothy P. Stuller.

On November 8, 2022, DENC filed an agreement and stipulation of settlement (Stipulation) between the Company, the Public Staff, CIGFUR I, and Nucor, along with the testimony of witness Timothy P. Stuller in support of the Stipulation.

Also on November 8, 2022, DENC, the Public Staff, and CIGFUR I (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse their witnesses from attending the hearing, accept their testimony and affidavit into evidence, and cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing. Movants stated, among other things, that all parties have reached agreement on all issues and have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all of Movants' witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 9, 2022, to receive the witnesses' testimony, exhibits, and any affidavits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing.

The public witness hearing scheduled for November 9, 2022, will be held as scheduled, and the record will be held open pending the public witness hearing.

Finally, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that DENC and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 9, 2022. CIGFUR I and Nucor may file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to do so.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the Movants' expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on November 9, 2022; their testimony, exhibits, and any affidavits are hereby accepted into evidence; and the expert witness hearing is canceled;
- 2. That the public witness hearing scheduled for November 9, 2022, shall be held as scheduled, and the record shall be held open pending said public witness hearing; and
- 3. That on or before December 9, 2022, DENC and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and CIGFUR I and Nucor may file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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