

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1307

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,) ORDER GRANTING LIMITED
for Approval of CPRE Program Cost) WAIVER AND REQUIRING
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S.) ADDITIONAL PUBLIC NOTICE
§ 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 27, 2024, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) filed its application for approval of the CPRE Program rider pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71. By its application, DEC initially requested to refund to its North Carolina retail customers (\$20,687,106) related to the actual CPRE Program costs incurred and other credits for the test period, and further, to collect \$25,000,608 for CPRE Program costs projected to be incurred during the period from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. As explained in the initial application, the net effect of DEC's initial request would have decreased the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.09 per month.

On March 15, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Establishing Procedural and Filing Requirements, and Requiring Public Notice (Order Requiring Public Notice). In Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of the Order Requiring Public Notice, the Commission required DEC to publish a Notice (which was included as an Appendix to the Order Requiring Public Notice) in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing, in accordance with Commission Rule R8-71(j)(11).

On May 8, 2024, DEC filed a Motion for Expedited Waiver (Motion) along with the supplemental testimony, exhibits, and supporting workpapers of witness Christy J. Walker (Supplemental Filing). In its Motion DEC states that on April 18, 2024, DEC posted the original Notice included with the Order Requiring Public Notice and reflective of the CPRE Program rider rates proposed in DEC's initial application in newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two consecutive weeks. DEC further states that through the course of discovery, DEC became aware of calculation errors contained in its initial application.

DEC indicates that it has updated the original Notice to address the Supplemental Filing and resulting change in proposed CPRE Program rider rates. DEC further states that the Public Staff has reviewed the proposed updated Notice and does not object to it. However, DEC notes that the Commission's Order Requiring Public Notice as well as Commission Rule R8-71(j)(11) requires DEC to provide public notice of the CPRE Program rider hearing via newspaper at least once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing. DEC explains that

[a]lthough it is not yet 30 days before the June 10, 2024 hearing scheduled on this matter, due to the timing of the Supplemental Filing, DEC does not have sufficient time to contract with newspapers and have posted an updated public notice with the corrected proposed CPRE Rider rates beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing once a week for two successive weeks in accordance with the Scheduling Order and R871(j)(11). In fact, it can take several weeks to contract and coordinate with the newspapers prior to the newspapers being able to circulate the Notice; the Scheduling Order and R871(j)(11) currently contemplate DEC circulating an updated Notice with corrected CPRE Rider rates within the next 36 hours—or by this Friday, May 10, 2024—for two successive weeks.

Motion at ¶ 11. DEC states that it is able to cause the updated Notice to be posted in newspapers having general circulation in its service area on or before May 31, 2024. Therefore, DEC requests the Commission for a limited waiver of the requirement that DEC post the updated Notice 30 days prior to the hearing for two successive weeks contained in R8-71(j)(11) and the Order Requiring Public Notice and instead allow DEC to post the updated Notice on or before May 31, 2024. DEC also propounds that its request is in the public interest and will allow time for DEC to correct and post the updated Notice for customers via newspapers of general circulation in its service area prior to the CPRE Program rider hearing.

Based on the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant a limited waiver of the requirements set forth in R8071(j)(11) and allow DEC to publish the updated Notice, attached hereto as Appendix A, in newspapers having general circulation in its service area on or before May 31, 2024.

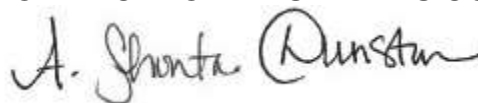
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DEC shall publish the Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service on or before May 31, 2024; and
2. That DEC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Approval of CPRE Program Cost Recovery)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-71)
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program cost recovery proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket No. E-7, Subs 1304, 1305, and 1306 which are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DEC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of the CPRE Program.

On February 27, 2024, DEC filed its application for approval of the CPRE Program rider pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and Commission Rule R8-71 to be effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2024. By the application, DEC initially requested to refund to its North Carolina retail customers (\$20,687,106) related to the actual CPRE Program costs incurred and other credits for the test period, and further, to collect \$25,000,608 for CPRE Program costs projected to be incurred during the period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. If approved, the net effect of DEC's request would be to decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.09 per month.

On May 8, 2024, DEC filed supplemental testimony, exhibits, and supporting workpapers (Supplemental Filing). The Supplemental Filing provided updates to DEC's CPRE Program revenues realized during the test period and contract fees being credited in CPRE Program rider.

By the Supplemental Filing, DEC requests to refund to its North Carolina retail customers (\$21,191,029) related to the actual CPRE Program costs incurred and other credits for the test period, and further, to collect \$25,000,608 for CPRE Program costs projected to be incurred during the period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. DEC proposes a net CPRE Program rider decrease, including regulatory fee, of

0.0080 cents per kilowatt hour for residential customers; a net CPRE Program rider decrease, including regulatory fee, of 0.0086 cents per kilowatt hour for general service and lighting customers; and a net CPRE Program rider decrease, including regulatory fee, 0.0106 cents per kilowatt hour for industrial customers. If approved, the net effect of DEC's request would be to decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.08 per month.

The CPRE Program rider will be in effect for the twelve-month period September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DEC's application and testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

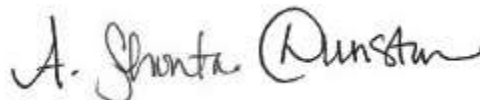
Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, May 20, 2024. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, May 20, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 10th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "A." and last name "Dunston" clearly legible.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk