

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1263

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)	ORDER GRANTING IN PART
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel)	AND DENYING IN PART MOTION
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for)	TO EXCUSE WITNESSES
Electric Utilities)	

BY THE CHAIR: On March 1, 2022, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or Applicant), filed its application and testimony in the above-captioned docket requesting change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022. By its application, 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. In addition, DEC filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Bryan L. Sykes, Kevin Y. Houston, John A. Verderame, Bryan Walsh, and Steven D. Capps.

On March 14, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order set the public hearing to be held, beginning immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1262, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Petitions to intervene were filed by and granted for Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III (CIGFUR), and the Sierra Club.

On May 9, 2022, DEC filed the supplemental testimony and exhibits of Bryan L. Sykes and David B. Johnson after the Public Notice of the original proposed fuel charges had been published. In its filing, DEC revised its proposed monthly fuel rates. The revisions, if approved by the Commission, would result in fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice. In the case of the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, DEC revised its proposed increase to \$9.85, excluding the regulatory fee.

On May 11, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Second Public Notice.

On May 17, 2022, the Public Staff filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Evan D. Lawrence, Dustin R. Metz, and June Chiu.

Also on May 17, 2022, the Sierra Club filed the testimony and exhibits of witness Gregory M. Lander.

On May 26, 2022, DEC filed the rebuttal testimony of John A. Verderame.

On June 3, 2022, DEC and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Appearance at Hearing (Joint Motion). Among other things, Movants stated that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEC's and the Public Staff's witnesses and do not object to the introduction of their testimony into the record. In addition, Movants state that the Company has agreed to waive cross examination of Sierra Club witness Lander and does not object to the introduction of his testimony and exhibits into the record.

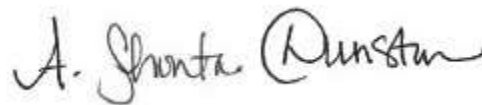
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to excuse DEC witnesses Kevin Y. Houston, Bryan Walsh, Steven D. Capps, and David B. Johnson, Public Staff witness June Chiu, and Sierra Club witness Gregory M. Lander from attending the expert witness hearing on June 7, 2022, and to receive their testimony and exhibits into evidence at the hearing. However, the Chair concludes that the Commission may need additional testimony from DEC witnesses Bryan L. Sykes and John A. Verderame, and Public Staff witnesses Evan D. Lawrence and Dustin R. Metz and, therefore, declines to excuse these witnesses. The Chair also finds good cause to allow DEC witnesses Sykes and Verderame to testify as a panel on behalf of DEC, and Public Staff witnesses Lawrence and Metz to testify as a panel on behalf of the Public Staff, in order to respond to the Commission's questions more fully.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Chief Clerk.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk