

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)	
Application of Appalachian State University,)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company)	
for Adjustment of General Base Rates and)	ORDER ACCEPTING
Charges Applicable to Electric Service)	SUBSTITUTION OF WITNESS
)	AND ALLOWING ADOPTION
DOCKET NO. E-34, Sub 55)	OF TESTIMONY
)	
In the Matter of)	
Petition of Appalachian State University)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company)	
for an Accounting Order to Defer Certain)	
Capital Costs and New Tax Expenses)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 9, 2023, the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses John Hinton and Jack Floyd and the joint testimony and exhibits of witnesses Sonja Johnson and Iris Morgan in the above-referenced dockets.

On July 6, 2023, the Public Staff filed the settlement testimony of Fenge Zhang. Also on July 6, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that Ms. Zhang be allowed to adopt the prefiled direct testimony and exhibit of Sonja Johnson and Iris Morgan (Motion). In support of the Motion, the Public Staff states that allowing Ms. Zhang to adopt the prefiled testimony and exhibit of Ms. Johnson and Ms. Morgan and substitute as a witness at the hearing would allow the expert witness hearing that begins on July 10, 2023 to proceed more efficiently through presentation of fewer Public Staff witnesses and would allow for a more efficient use of Public Staff personnel on other pending matters. The Public Staff further stated that as the Public Utilities Regulatory Manager with the Accounting Division of the Public Staff, Ms. Zhang is familiar with the subject matter of these combined dockets and with the content of Ms. Johnson's and Ms. Morgan's pre-filed testimony and exhibit. Additionally, she will be able to answer questions from Appalachian State University d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP), the intervenors, and the Commission at the expert witness hearing in the same capacity as Ms. Johnson and Ms. Morgan. Ms. Zhang would adopt the testimony and exhibit previously pre-filed by Ms. Johnson and Ms. Morgan in these dockets; therefore, no party will be prejudiced by this Motion.

The Public Staff also states that it notified NRLP and all intervenors regarding the Motion, and no party objected to the Motion or the requested relief.

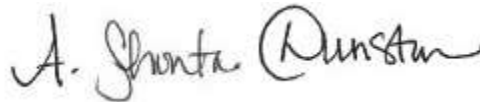
Based on the Motion, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to allow Ms. Zhang to be substituted as the sponsor of the prefiled direct testimony and exhibit of Ms. Johnson and Ms. Morgan and that she be permitted to testify in place of Ms. Johnson and Ms. Morgan at the hearing on this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of July, 2023.

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 signatory.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk