

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 141
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 126

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Smart Grid Technology Plans Pursuant) to Commission Rule R8-60.1(c))	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, on behalf of itself and other interested parties, and respectfully requests the Commission for an extension of time for filing reply comments on the initial comments and proposed amendments to Commission Rule R8-60.1 filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), and the Public Staff.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows the following:

1. By Order issued on November 5, 2015, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 141, the Commission requested parties to file comments in Docket No. E-100, Sub 126, proposing amendments to Commission Rule R8-60.1 so that future smart grid proceedings are more informative. In addition, the Commission established a procedural schedule for parties to file initial comments no later than December 1, 2015, and reply comments no later than January 8, 2016.

2. On December 1, 2015, NCSEA and the Public Staff filed comments and proposed amendments to Rule R8-60.1, DEC and DEP filed comments on potential Rule R8-60.1 amendments, and DNCP filed a letter in lieu of initial comments.

3. Following the filing of initial comments, the parties have corresponded and proposed meeting to discuss some of the differences in the proposals to see if a consensus position could be reached on proposed amendments to the Rule. Due to the press of business, however, the parties were not able to schedule the meeting until January 14, 2016.

4. In light of the parties' plans to meet on January 14, 2016 to see if a consensus position could be reached, and, if consensus cannot be reached, narrow the differences in opinion as much as possible, the Public Staff believes good cause exists to extend the deadline for reply comments to Friday, January 29, 2016.

5. DEC, DEP, DNCP, and NCSEA all have authorized the undersigned to state that they support this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order:

1. Extending the reply comment deadline from January 8, 2016, to January 29, 2016; and
2. For any further relief the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 5th day of January, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion for an Extension of Time has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 5th day of January, 2016.

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