STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287 DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287)
In the Matter of Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program)))) ORDER GRANTING SECOND) EXTENSION OF TIME
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261)
In the Matter of Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program))))

BY THE CHAIR: On December 16, 2021, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1287, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, collectively Duke), in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1261, filed applications for approval of new energy efficiency (EE) programs, both of which are called the Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program.

Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-68(d)(2), after an electric public utility files a request for approval or modification of a demand-side management or EE program the Public Staff and other interested parties have 30 days from the date of filing to file a protest pursuant to Rule R1-6, a petition for intervention pursuant to Rule R1-19, or comments. The electric public utility has the opportunity to respond to the petitions for intervention, protests and comments within 10 days.

On January 13, 2022, in response to a motion by the Public Staff, the Commission issued an Order Granting Extension of Time that extended the date for the Public Staff and other interested parties to file a protest, petition for intervention or comments in these dockets to March 1, 2022. The Order also stated that Duke would have the right to respond to all such petitions for intervention, protests and comments within 10 days of each such filing.

On February 24, 2022, the North Carolina Attorney General's Office (AGO), filed a motion requesting a further extension of time to March 15, 2022. In summary, the AGO stated that it has been working diligently to review Duke's applications, to review the comprehensive data requests that have been served on Duke and Duke's responses,

and to discuss the applications with other parties in these dockets. In addition, the AGO stated that the proposed programs are complex and of great public interest, and that the requested extension would give all parties sufficient time to fully evaluate the proposals and file thorough comments. Finally, the AGO stated that it contacted counsel for Duke, the Public Staff, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, Vote Solar, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Solar Energy Industries Association, and NC WARN, and that all these parties stated that they do not object to the requested extension.

Based on the AGO's motion and the record in these dockets, the Chair finds good cause to grant the requested extension of time for the AGO and other interested parties.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the date for the AGO, Public Staff, and other interested parties to file a protest, petition for intervention or comments in these dockets regarding DEP's and DEC's applications for approval of their Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Programs shall be, and is hereby, extended to March 15, 2022; and
- 2. That DEP and DEC shall have the right to respond to all such petitions for intervention, protests, and comments within 10 days of each such filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 25th day of February, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk