

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 557

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)	
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)	
Carolina for Approval of Renewable Energy)	
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost)	JOINT MOTION TO
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62- 133.8 and)	EXCUSE WITNESSES
Commission Rule R8-67)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests on behalf of Dominion Energy North Carolina (“Dominion Energy North Carolina” or the “Company”) and itself for the Commission to issue an order in the above-captioned docket excusing the witnesses in this proceeding. The Company has authorized the Public Staff to state that it joins with the Public Staff in this motion.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows as follows:

1. On August 30, 2018, Dominion Energy North Carolina filed its application for approval to recover the Company’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (“REPS”) compliance and related costs, along with the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of George E. Hitch, Alan J. Moore, and Robert C. Rice in support of its Application.

2. On September 7, 2018, the Commission issued an Order scheduling hearing, establishing testimony and discovery guidelines, and requiring public notice.

3. On September 28, 2018, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting changes in the dates for filing petitions to intervene, pre-filed direct testimony and rebuttal testimony, and the date for the expert witness hearings.

4. On October 2, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Changing Dates for Intervention, Direct and Rebuttal Pre-Filed Testimony, and Expert Witness Hearings*, which modified the procedural schedule and rescheduled the expert witness hearings from Monday, November 5, 2018, to Thursday, November 8, 2018.

5. On October 15, 2018, Dominion Energy North Carolina filed the supplemental testimony and exhibits of George E. Hitch, Alan J. Moore, and Robert C. Rice.

6. On October 17, 2018, the Company filed a corrected page 3 to the supplemental testimony of George E. Hitch.

7. On October 19, 2018, the Public Staff pre-filed the affidavits of Evan D. Lawrence and Jenny X. Li. In its notice of affidavits, the Public Staff stated that the affiants will not be called to testify orally and will not be subject to cross-examination unless an opposing party or the Commission demands the right of cross-examination by notice mailed or delivered to the proponent at least five days prior to the hearing, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-68.

8. On October 30, 2018, Dominion Energy North Carolina filed the second supplemental testimony and exhibits of George E. Hitch. Also on October 30, 2018, the Public Staff pre-filed the revised affidavit of Evan D. Lawrence.

9. On November 2, 2018, Dominion Energy North Carolina filed its Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal.

10. No other parties have intervened in this proceeding.

11. For purposes of the present proceeding, the Company and the Public Staff are in agreement regarding the Company's renewable energy and energy efficiency portfolio standard compliance and related costs, as presented in the Company's testimony and the Public Staff's affidavits.

12. Thus, the Public Staff and the Company have reached agreement on all the issues and each agrees to waive cross-examination of the other party's witnesses. Accordingly, the Public Staff and the Company request that their respective witnesses be excused from appearing at the hearing scheduled for November 8, 2018, unless the Commission has questions for them.

13. The Public Staff and the Company further request that the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Therefore, the Public Staff and the Company move:

1. That the Commission excuse the witnesses for the Public Staff and the Company from appearing at the hearing on November 8, 2018, unless the Commission has questions for any of the witnesses.
2. That the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.
3. That the Commission grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of November, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 8th day of November, 2018.

Electronically submitted
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