

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1247

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)
LLC for Approval of CPRE Compliance) PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION FOR
Report and CPRE Cost Recovery Rider) WITNESSES TO BE EXCUSED
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and) FROM APPEARANCE AT
Commission Rule R8-71) EVIDENTIARY HEARING
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NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and requests that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order excusing all witnesses from testifying at the June 1, 2021 Evidentiary Hearing in this matter. In support of this joint motion, the Public Staff shows as follows:

1. On February 23, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) filed its application for approval of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Cost Recovery Rider and Compliance Report for calendar year 2020. Along with its application, DEC filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Janet A. Jones and Phillip H. Cathcart.

2. On May 3, 2021, DEC filed the supplemental testimony and revised exhibits of witnesses Jones and Cathcart, updating information filed previously regarding changes to expected commercial operation dates and addressing the

Company's proposal to recover costs on a market basis for Company-owned facilities

3. On May 6, 2021, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting an extension of time to file direct testimony and exhibits until May 13, 2021 and a corresponding extension for DEC to file rebuttal testimony until May 24, 2021. On May 7, 2021, the Commission granted the request.

4. On May 13, 2021, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Jeff Thomas and the affidavit of R. Tyler Allison recommending approval of the Company's revised rates set forth in DEC's supplemental testimony, and agreeing with the Company that market-based cost recovery is appropriate for Company-owned facilities in lieu of cost-of service based recovery. Public Staff witness Thomas further recommended that the Commission require DEC to seek market-based recovery after the initial term.

5. On May 21, 2021, DEC filed the rebuttal testimony witness Jones, acknowledging the Public Staff's recommendation to approve the Company's rates as proposed in its supplemental testimony. Witness Jones further testifies that it is unnecessary to resolve the issue of post-term recovery for Company-owned facilities at this time.

6. The Public Staff and DEC have agreed to waive cross examination of each other's witnesses and allow the introduction of all pre-filed testimony, affidavits, and exhibits into the record.

7. Counsel for the Public Staff has consulted with counsel for all parties to this docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of DEC and Public Staff witnesses and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that all DEC and Public Staff witnesses be excused from appearing at the June 1, 2021 hearing in this docket and 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.

This the 24th day of May, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion for Witnesses to be Excused from Appearance at Evidentiary Hearing 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 24th day of May, 2021.

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