

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 140

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
Qualifying Facilities - 2014)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 8, 2015, in the above captioned docket, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Scheduling Public Hearing. The Order established a procedural schedule requiring that: (1) Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), Western Carolina University (WCU) and New River Light and Power (New River) file proposed avoided cost rates and standard form contracts no later than March 2, 2015; (2) other parties file initial comments no later than Monday, May 4, 2015; (3) all parties file reply comments no later than Monday, June 8, 2015; and (4) that all parties file proposed orders no later than Monday, July 6, 2015. In addition, the Order scheduled a public hearing solely for the purpose of taking non-expert public witness testimony to begin on Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On February 27, 2015, WCU and New River filed their proposed rates. On March 2, 2015, DEC, DEP, and DNCP filed their respective proposed rates.

On April 8, 2015, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time. The Public Staff requested that the Commission (1) extend the deadline for intervenors to file initial comments from May 4, 2015, to June 8, 2015; (2) extend the reply comment deadline from June 8, 2015, to July 13, 2015; and (3) extend the proposed order deadline from July 6, 2015, to August 10, 2015. In support of its motion, the Public Staff stated that it had begun its investigation and served initial discovery requests that are pending with the utilities. In addition, the Public Staff cited the press of other business and unforeseen circumstances in support of its motion. Finally, the Public Staff noted that it has circulated its request among the current parties to the proceeding and is not aware of any opposition.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion and to (1) extend the deadline for intervenors to file initial comments from May 4, 2015, until June 8, 2015; (2) extend the reply comment deadline from June 8, 2015, until July 13, 2015; and (3) extend the proposed order deadline from July 6, 2015, until August 10, 2015. Finally, the Presiding Commissioner notes that no change has

occurred with regard to the public hearing for the purpose of taking non-expert public witness testimony, which will proceed as previously scheduled on Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That other persons (in addition to those already intervened) desiring to become formal parties to this proceeding may petition the Commission for leave to intervene on or before Monday, June 8, 2015.

2. That all parties, other than the five electric utilities herein, shall file with the Commission the comments and exhibits that they wish to present in this proceeding on or before Monday, June 8, 2015.

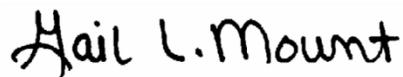
3. That the electric utilities and intervenors shall file reply comments on or before Monday, July 13, 2015.

4. That parties are requested to file proposed orders on or before Monday, August 10, 2015.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of April, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk