

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)	ORDER REQUESTING
Approval of Competitive Procurement of)	COMMENTS
Renewable Energy Program)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 2, 2019, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission issued an Order Modifying and Accepting CPRE Program Plan. That Order, among other things, directed Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, Duke), to modify its CPRE Program Plan to reflect the adjusted timeline for implementation of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation, as follows: the 60-day pre-solicitation document review period will open on August 15, 2019, and the acceptance of proposals shall open on October 15, 2019, and close on December 15, 2019, subject to adjustment depending upon the timing of the issuance of a final order or notice of decision in the 2018 biennial avoided cost proceeding (Docket No. E-100, Sub 158), as discussed further in that Order.

Contemporaneous with the issuance of this Order, the Commission has issued a Notice of Decision in Docket No. E-100, Sub 158 announcing the Commission's decisions related to the calculation of avoided capacity rates and avoided energy rates that are necessary to ensure the cost-effectiveness of procured new renewable energy resources pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.8(b)(2). As noted in that Notice of Decision, issues related to the solar integration service charge (SISC) remain under consideration. The Notice of Decision further provides that to facilitate a decision on these issues, the Commission will request comments from the parties to this proceeding on whether and, if so, how the SISC applies in the context of the CPRE Program.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8(b), one of the options available to Duke to implement the competitive procurement requirements of the CPRE Program is to "purchase renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring utility to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the utility's own generating resources."

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, and in the interest of timely implementation of the CPRE Program, the Commission, therefore, finds good

cause to issue this Order requesting that the parties file comments on an expedited basis specifically responding to the following:

- (1) Whether the SISC should apply to the renewable energy facilities that are the subject of proposals in the CPRE Program;
- (2) If the SISC is to apply to the renewable energy facilities that are the subject of proposals in the CPRE Program, then:
 - a. how the SISC should be incorporated into the cost-effectiveness limitation set forth in N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8(b); and
 - b. how the application of the SISC to the renewable energy facilities that are the subject of proposals in the CPRE Program is consistent with the treatment of “the utility’s own generating resources;” and
- (3) If the SISC is not to apply to the renewable energy facilities that are the subject of proposals in the CPRE Program, then whether and how this approach is consistent with the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That any party may file comments responsive to this Order on or before October 18, 2019, and may file reply comments on or before October 25, 2019; and
2. That the Commission will proceed as appropriate upon receipt of the parties’ comments and reply comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of October, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk