

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of | | |
| Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost |) | ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS |
| Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from |) | ON PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS |
| Qualifying Facilities – 2018 |) | FOR AVOIDANCE OF SISC |

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 15, 2020, in the above-captioned docket the Commission issued its Order Establishing Standard Rates and Contract Terms for Qualifying Facilities in its 2018 biennial avoided cost proceeding pursuant to the provisions of Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-156. In Finding of Fact No. 38 of that order the Commission found:

38. It is appropriate to require [Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, and together with DEC, Duke),] to file with the Commission proposed guidelines for [qualifying facilities (QFs)] to become “controlled solar generators” and thereby avoid the integration services charge.

The Commission previously stated in its October 17, 2019 Supplemental Notice of Decision in this docket its decision, reiterated in Findings of Fact Nos. 35 and 37 of the April 15, 2020 final order, that it is appropriate for DEC and DEP to prospectively apply an integration services charge (or solar integration services charge (SISC)) to all new uncontrolled solar generators that commit to sell and deliver power into the DEC and DEP systems on or after November 1, 2018. The Commission further stated, however, that DEC and DEP should not impose the charge on a solar QF that is a “controlled solar generator,” meaning, generally, any solar QF that demonstrates that its facility is capable of operating, and contractually agrees to operate, in a manner that materially reduces or eliminates the need for additional ancillary service requirements incurred by the utility. In Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of the Supplemental Notice of Decision the Commission required DEC and DEP to file proposed guidelines for QFs to become “controlled solar generators” and thereby avoid the integration services charge.

On November 18, 2019, Duke filed its Requirements for Avoidance of SISC for approval by the Commission.

The Commission finds good cause to request comments from the parties addressing Duke’s proposed requirements.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That parties may file initial comments on or before June 12, 2020, addressing Duke's proposed Requirements for Avoidance of SISC, and may file reply comments on or before July 2, 2020, responding to the initial comments filed by other parties; and

2. That the Commission will proceed as appropriate upon receipt of the parties' initial and reply comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of May, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk