STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	
and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	ORDER SCHEDULING
Requesting Approval of Green Source)	ORAL ARGUMENT
Advantage Program and Rider GSA to)	
Implement G.S. 62-159.2)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On January 23, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (together, Duke), jointly filed a petition for approval of the Green Source Advantage Program (GSA Program) and the corresponding Rider GSA (for DEC) and Rider GSA-1 (for DEP).

On or after January 30, 2018, the Commission issued orders allowing the following to intervene in this proceeding: the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), the North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance (NCCEBA), Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc. (together, Walmart), North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), the United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies (DoD/FEA), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), Apple, Inc., and Google, LLC, (together, Apple and Google), and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE). The North Carolina Attorney General's Office (AGO) filed a notice of intervention pursuant to G.S. 62-20, and the participation of the Public Staff is recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-15(d).

Initial comments were filed by DoD/FEA, NCCEBA, NCSEA, Apple and Google, SACE, Walmart, and the Public Staff. A joint consumer statement of position was filed by New Belgium Brewing, SAS Institute, Inc., Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Unilever, and VF Corporation. Reply comments were filed by Duke, NCCEBA, NCEMC, NCSEA, SACE, UNC-CH, the AGO, and the Public Staff. A joint motion for leave to file sur-reply comments was filed by NCCEBA, NCSEA, SACE, UNC-Chapel Hill, and DoD/FEA.

The Chairman has completed a preliminary review of Duke's petition, proposed GSA Program and corresponding riders, and the comments of all of the parties. Based upon this review, the Chairman finds good cause to schedule an oral argument in this proceeding to consider the merits of the competing proposals for the GSA Program in light of the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-159.2. Given the present disagreement regarding the overall program structure, the Chairman finds that it is premature to allow comments addressing the proposed contracts filed in this proceeding at this time. Finally, the parties

are encouraged to continue discussions among themselves in an effort to reach agreement on aspects of the proposed GSA Program, where possible, and thereby narrow the issues in controversy in this proceeding.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that this matter shall be, and the same is hereby, scheduled for oral argument on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 2 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>16th</u> day of July, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk