

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)	
Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Application for)	
Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy)	
Efficiency Program)	
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261)	PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
In the Matter of)	
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Application for)	
Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy)	
Efficiency Program)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and respectfully requests the Commission to extend the time for filing its comments in the above-captioned dockets to and including March 1, 2022. In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows as follows:

1. On December 16, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (collectively Duke or the Companies), filed requests for approval of new energy efficiency (EE) programs, both of which are called the Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program.

2. Rule R8-68(d)(2) provides that interested parties shall have 30 days from the date of the filing in which to intervene, file a protest, or file comments. The 30-day period for the instant applications expires January 18, 2022.

3. The Public Staff has been working diligently reviewing the applications and preparing a comprehensive data request, including a request for a conference call, which it plans to send to the Companies by the end of this week. The Public Staff expects that it will take DEC and DEP several weeks to prepare and submit responses, and for the Public Staff to review the responses, hold the conference call, and prepare any necessary follow-up data requests. As such, the Public Staff requests an additional 45 days to file comments in these dockets.

4. The Public Staff notes that the requested effective date for the programs is January 1, 2023, so the 45-day extension, if approved by the Commission, should not impede the implementation of the programs.

5. The Public Staff is authorized to state that the other parties to this proceeding, Duke and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, have no objection to this request for a 45-day extension of time.

THEREFORE, the Public Staff moves:

That the Commission grant an extension of time until the close of business on March 1, 2022, in which to file interventions, protests, or comments in these dockets.

Respectfully submitted this the 12th day of January, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing MOTION on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 12th day of January, 2022.

Electronically submitted
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