

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1166

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,	)	
and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for	)	ORDER REDUCING
Approval of Solar Rebate Program Pursuant	)	REPORTING FREQUENCY
to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f)	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: The Commission is tasked with oversight of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's (DEC, together with DEP, Duke) Solar Rebate Program. The purpose of the solar rebate program has been to provide an economic incentive for residential, non-residential and non-profit customers in North Carolina to adopt solar power by reducing the upfront costs of installing solar equipment. More particularly, N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f) requires electric public utility serving more than 150,000 North Carolina retail jurisdictional customers as of January 1, 2017, to offer

a program offering reasonable incentives to residential and nonresidential customers for the installation of small customer owned or leased solar energy facilities participating in a public utility's net metering tariff, where the incentive shall be limited to 10 kilowatts alternating current (kW AC) for residential solar installations and 100 kilowatts alternating current (kW AC) for nonresidential solar installations.

The Solar Rebate Program is subject to the following statutory requirements: (1) the program incentive is limited to 10,000 kW of installed capacity annually starting in January 1, 2018, and continuing until December 31, 2022; (2) nonresidential installations are limited to 5,000 kW in aggregate for each year the program is in effect; (3) 2,500 kW of the capacity for nonresidential installations must be set aside for use by nonprofit organizations, including a 50 kW set aside for the NC Greenpower Solar Schools Pilot or a similar program; (4) any set-aside rebates not used by December 31, 2022, must be reallocated for use by any customer who otherwise qualifies; and (4) if in any year a portion of the incentives is unsubscribed, Duke may roll excess incentives over into a subsequent year's allocation. See N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f)(1)-(4).

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of Commission's March 23, 2021 Order Modifying Solar Rebate Program and Allowing Comments, Duke is required to "submit biannual reports on or before April 1, 2021, and every year thereafter for the duration of the solar rebate program and, on or before October 1, 2021, and every year thereafter for the duration of the solar rebate program[.]"

Duke submitted its April 2024 biannual report on April 1, 2024 (April 2024 Report) and noted therein that DEP and DEC “no longer have application periods because under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f) there is no more rebate capacity except for the capacity that was reserved in the final January 2023 rollover application period.” April 2024 Report, 5. Accordingly, Duke requests the Commission’s approval to reduce reporting to once per year, on April 1, “until the final rebate has been paid and the waitlist is cancelled.” *Id.*

Since April 1, 2024, no party has requested to respond to Duke’s request and no party has made a filing objecting to Duke’s request to reduce its reporting.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Commission finds good cause to permit Duke to reduce its reporting on the Solar Rebate Program to once annually, on April 1 until the final rebate has been paid and the waitlist is cancelled.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of May, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamika D. Conyers".

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk