

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 163

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Investigation Regarding the Ability of North)	ORDER GRANTING
Carolina's Electricity, Natural Gas, and)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Water/Wastewater Systems to Operate)	
Reliably During Extreme Cold Weather)	

BY THE CHAIR: On January 26, 2022, the Commission initiated this docket to investigate whether North Carolina's major electricity, natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities have taken appropriate steps to assure reliable operations during extreme cold weather events. This investigation was prompted by the outages and rolling blackouts that occurred in Texas and other parts of the country in February of 2021 due to Winter Storm Uri.

On May 12, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Comments to address the question of whether the Commission's rules require revision in order to ensure reliable utility operations during extreme cold weather. The order directed parties to file comments on or before June 29, 2022 and reply comments on or before July 27, 2022.

On June 29, 2022, Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC); Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, Duke); Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont); Public Service Company of NC, Inc. (PSNC); Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier); Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua); Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (Carolina Water), and the Public Staff filed responses in the above captioned docket.

On July 22, 2022, PSNC filed a Motion for Extension of Time requesting an additional 30 days to file reply comments. PSNC stated that it needed additional time to consider the comments of other parties and the rule changes proposed by the Public Staff. PSNC further stated that no other party to the proceeding objected to the extension of time.

Based on the motion and the entire record, the Chair finds good cause to grant the requested extension. All parties may file reply comments on or before August 26, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk