

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1167

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	ORDER GRANTING DUKE
Requesting Approval of Solar Rebate)	ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC'S
Program Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f))	MOTION TO EXTEND
)	INSTALLATION DEADLINE FOR
)	EIGHT NON-PROFIT PROJECTS

BY THE CHAIR: On November 27, 2023, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-140, N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f), and Commission Rule R1-5, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), filed a motion requesting Commission approval to extend the deadline for eight non-profit customers in Buncombe County, North Carolina (Eight Non-profit Projects) to install solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating systems pursuant to the terms of DEP's Solar Rebate Rider SRR-7 (Rider SRR-7).

The terms of Rider SRR-7 require that

Non-profit customers with a project under 20 kW must complete installation no later than 365 days from the date the rebate reservation was obtained. All other non-residential and non-profit customers must complete installation no later than 365 days from the date the rebate reservation was obtained or the date of an executed interconnection agreement by [DEP], whichever is later.

DEP's motion states that on June 12, 2023, the Commission granted an extension of time to 11 non-profit projects, inclusive of the above-referenced Eight Non-profit Projects, until November 27, 2023, to install their solar PV electric generating systems. DEP's motion explains that, despite progress, setbacks have occurred for Eight Non-profit Projects, which are identified in DEP's confidential motion.

More particularly, DEP states that two projects, which DEP identifies as "Group A", have been delayed due to stormwater issues and local permitting delays, and although construction has begun on these projects, construction has been paused until the permit issues are resolved. Three projects that DEP identifies as "Group B" have had to pause construction until structural redesigns were completed. Finally, three projects identified as "Group C" are complete but are waiting on DEP to install DG Interfaces.

DEP opines that it is reasonable to grant an additional extension of time for these Eight Non-profit Projects to install their PV electronic generating systems and requests

that the Commission grant an additional extension to each of the Eight Non-profit Projects until June 30, 2024. DEP further states that the Public Staff is supportive of the Commission granting the requested extension of time.

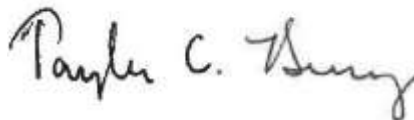
The Chair notes that N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f)(3) set aside 2,500 kilowatts (kW) of annual capacity in the Solar Rebate Program for nonprofit organizations; however, the set aside for non-profit customers is undersubscribed. See Duke Energy Joint Biannual Solar Rebate Program Report April 2023, Appendix A (April 30, 2023). Based on the foregoing, the Chair finds good cause to grant an extension of time to the Eight Non-profit Projects further identified in DEP's November 27, 2023 confidential motion until June 30, 2024, to install their PV electric generating systems.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk