

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1228
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1228)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1229)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for)
Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-67)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1230)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for)
Approval of Demand-Side Management and)
Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider)
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.9 and)
Commission Rule R8-69)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1231)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for)
Approval of CPRE Cost Recovery Rider)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-71)

ORDER SCHEDULING REMOTE
HEARINGS FOR EXPERT
WITNESS TESTIMONY

BY THE CHAIR: On February 25, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed applications in the above-captioned dockets for adjustments to its fuel, REPS, DSM/EE and CPRE cost recovery riders, respectively.

On March 17, 2020, the Commission issued orders in each docket (Scheduling Orders) scheduling hearings on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the following sequence:

- E-7, Sub 1228 – Fuel rider
- E-7, Sub 1230 – DSM/EE rider
- E-7, Sub 1229 – REPS rider
- E-7, Sub 1231 – CPRE rider

In addition, the Scheduling Orders required DEC to publish notice of the date and times of the hearings, with the notice informing the public of the opportunity to attend the hearings and provide testimony. As is the Commission's usual procedure, the Commission planned to proceed to receive expert witness testimony in each docket following the testimony by public witnesses.

The Chair finds good cause to confirm that the public witness hearings will be held at the time and place set in the Scheduling Orders, and to inform the parties and their attorneys that they are not required to attend the public witness hearings, but may attend if they desire to do so. Further, all persons attending the public witness hearings will be required to wear a mask or other appropriate face covering, and will be required to seat themselves in the hearing room at least six feet (three chairs) apart from other persons.

Due to the large number of persons who will be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearings in the four dockets, the Chair finds good cause to hold the expert witness portion of the hearings by remote means on WebEx. The expert witness hearings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, and will proceed in sequence as stated in the Scheduling Orders, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) On or before Wednesday, June 3, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;
- (2) On or before Thursday, June 4, 2020, all parties shall send directly to the Chief Clerk - kcampbell@ncuc.net - the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearings on the party's behalf;
- (3) On or before Thursday, June 4, 2020, all parties shall file their potential cross-examination exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered; and

- (4) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, during both direct examination and cross-examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or cross-examination, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Chair or Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of May, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk