STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 140

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities - 2014

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 8, 2015, in the above captioned docket, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Scheduling Public Hearing. The Order established a procedural schedule requiring that: (1) Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), Western Carolina University (WCU) and New River Light and Power (New River) file proposed avoided cost rates and standard form contracts no later than March 2, 2015; (2) other parties file initial comments no later than Monday, May 4, 2015; (3) all parties file reply comments no later than Monday, June 8, 2015; and (4) that all parties file proposed orders no later than Monday, July 6, 2015. In addition, the Order scheduled a public hearing solely for the purpose of taking non-expert public witness testimony to begin on Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On February 27, 2015, WCU and New River filed their proposed rates. On March 2, 2015, DEC, DEP, and DNCP filed their respective proposed rates.

On April 8, 2015, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time. The Public Staff requested that the Commission (1) extend the deadline for intervenors to file initial comments from May 4, 2015, to June 8, 2015; (2) extend the reply comment deadline from June 8, 2015, to July 13, 2015; and (3) extend the proposed order deadline from July 6, 2015, to August 10, 2015. The motion was granted by Commission Order on April 15, 2015.

On May 21, 2015, the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA filed a Motion for Extension of Time. NCSEA requested that the Commission amend the current deadlines as follows: (1) intervenor initial comments extended from June 8, 2015, to June 22, 2015; (2) electric utility and intervenor reply comments extended from July 13, 2015, to July 27, 2015; and (3) proposed orders extended from August 10, 2015, to August 24, 2015. In support of its motion, NCSEA stated that the press of business has necessitated longer periods for responding to discovery by the utilities. NCSEA further stated that it seeks to preserve its ability to present

thorough and well-considered comments and has discovery requests pending with each of the utilities. Finally, NCSEA stated that the Public Staff and the utilities do not object to its request.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the NCSEA's motion and to (1) extend the deadline for intervenors to file initial comments from June 8, 2015, to June 22, 2015; (2) extend the reply comment deadline from July 13, 2015, to July 27, 2015; and (3) extend the proposed order deadline from August 10, 2015, to August 24, 2015.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That other persons (in addition to those already intervened) desiring to become formal parties to this proceeding may petition the Commission for leave to intervene on or before Monday, June 22, 2015.

2. That all parties, other than the five electric utilities herein, shall file with the Commission the comments and exhibits that they wish to present in this proceeding on or before Monday, June 22, 2015.

3. That the electric utilities and intervenors shall file reply comments on or before Monday, July 27, 2015.

4. That parties are requested to file proposed orders on or before Monday, August 24, 2015.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>29th</u> day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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