



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

June 2, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket Nos. E-7, Subs 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231
Public Staff's Consent to Remote Hearing - Docket No. E-7, Sub 1228

Dear Ms. Campbell:

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 hearings on June 9, 2020, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 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; and E-7, Sub 1231 – CPRE rider.

On May 29, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Remote Hearings for Expert Witness Testimony* (Scheduling Order) in the above-referenced dockets. The Order states that because of the number of persons who will be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearings in the four dockets, the expert witness portion of the hearings will be held by remote means on WebEx. Additionally, the Commission's Order provides that on or before Wednesday, June 3, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means on WebEx, or a statement objecting to same.

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Pursuant to paragraph (1) of the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff hereby states its consent to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means in the E-7, Sub 1228, the fuel rider proceeding.

On May 29, 2020, DEC, Sierra Club, and the Public Staff (collectively Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that all witnesses be excused from appearing at the expert witness hearing on June 9, 2020. On June 1, 2020, the Commission entered an order excusing Movants' witnesses from attending the expert witness hearing on June 9, 2020, and receiving their affidavits, testimony, work papers, and exhibits into evidence. In light of the Commission's June 1 order excusing the Public Staff's witnesses and pursuant to paragraph (2) of the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff will directly notify the Clerk by email that Dianna Downey (dianna.downey@psncuc.nc.gov) will be the only person appearing on behalf of the Public Staff in the fuel proceeding.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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c: Parties of Record