

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)	ORDER GRANTING
Approval of Competitive Procurement of)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Renewable Energy Program)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On December 17, 2018, in the above-captioned proceedings, the Commission issued an Order that, among other things, required the Public Staff, on or before January 31, 2019, to file initial comments on the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program (CPRE Program) plans that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (together, Duke), filed on September 1, 2018, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157. That Order also permitted the filing of comments by the other parties to these proceedings on or before January 31, 2019, and further allowed for the filing of reply comments by any party on or before March 29, 2019.

On January 31, 2018, the Public Staff filed a motion for extension of time, requesting that the Commission extend the January 31 deadline for the filing of the Public Staff's initial comments, and for the other parties' permitted initial comments. In support of its motion, the Public Staff states that it has reviewed the CPRE Program plans filed with the Commission on September 1, 2018, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157, and consulted with the Accion Group, LLC, the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program, and with the other parties to these proceedings, regarding comments due to be filed and the timing of the future CPRE RFP Solicitations. The Public Staff further states that, due to the ongoing evaluation of Tranche 1 of the CRPE RFP Solicitation, the Independent Administrator and the other parties agreed that it would be helpful to continue discussions on lessons learned in the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation. To that end, the Public Staff further relates that the Independent Administrator is making plans to host two meetings that will be open to all market participants for the purpose of discussing lessons learned from the Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation and soliciting feedback on the RFP documents that relate to the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation. In light of those plans, the Public Staff recommends that the deadline for the filing of initial comments be extended until March 22, 2019, and that the permitted filing of reply comments be cancelled. The Public Staff concludes its motion by stating that it has contacted counsel for the parties to these proceedings and that no party objected to the proposed extension or cancellation.

The Chairman has carefully considered the statements and recommendation included in the Public Staff's motion, and finds these statements and recommendations to be quite helpful. The Chairman further finds good cause to grant both the requested extension of the January 31 deadline for the filing of initial comments and the requested cancellation of the permitted filing of reply comments. The Chairman appreciates the parties' participation in constructive dialogue and encourages the parties to continue their cooperation in connection with these proceedings as the opening of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation approaches.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the January 31, 2019 deadline for the Public Staff to file its required comments, and for all parties to file their permitted comments, shall be, and is hereby, extended to March 22, 2019;
2. That the permitted filing of reply comments on or before March 29, 2019, shall be, and is hereby, cancelled; and
3. That the Commission shall proceed appropriately upon receipt of the Public Staff's comments and those of all the parties, if any.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of February, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Lynn Jarvis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk