

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Third-Party Independent Audits of	)	ORDER GRANTING
Affiliate Transactions Pursuant to	)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Regulatory Condition No. 5.8	)	

BY THE CHAIR: On September 29, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Merger Order), in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682, approving the merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Included among the Regulatory Conditions (RCs) approved in the Merger Order is RC No. 5.8. This RC requires, among other things, that a third-party independent audit be conducted regarding the affiliate transactions among Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Piedmont (collectively Duke utilities) no less than every two years.

On March 27, 2023, the Duke utilities filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend to May 31, 2023, the date for the Public Staff to recommend an auditor. They stated that due to the press of other business, the process to select an auditor — which includes issuing a Request for Proposals, interviewing prospective auditors, and submission of a recommendation by the Public Staff — has not been initiated. Further, they stated that the Public Staff does not object to the requested extension of time.


Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to extend to May 31, 2023, the date by which the Public Staff shall file with the Commission its recommendation of an independent auditor to conduct the audit required by RC No. 5.8.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of March, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk