

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213)
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In the Matter of)
Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Approval of Prepaid Advantage Program)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)
North Carolina)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)
LLC, for an Accounting Order to Defer)
Incremental Storm Damage Expenses)
Incurred as a Result of Hurricanes Florence)
and Michael and Winter Storm Diego)
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DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)
North Carolina)

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS
TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL AND
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONERS: On July 10, 2020, the North Carolina Attorney General's Office (AGO) filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Testimony in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1214 and E-2, Sub 1219, the general rate case applications of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, collectively Duke). The AGO requested that it be allowed to file supplemental direct testimony of its

cost of capital witness, Richard A. Baudino. In summary, the AGO stated that witness Baudino's direct testimony was pre-filed in the DEC rate case docket on February 18, 2020, and in the DEP rate case docket on April 14, 2020, in accordance with the Commission's scheduling orders in those dockets. Further, the AGO recounted the procedural history of the two dockets in which the expert witness hearings were postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and are now scheduled to begin on July 27, 2020. The AGO stated that witness Baudino believes that his pre-filed direct testimony should be updated to reflect and explain his analysis based on more recent economic data, and to discuss changing economic conditions as they relate to investors and utility customers. According to the AGO, witness Baudino's supplemental testimony is material because it shows the impact of economic developments occurring closer in time to the expert witness hearing, as is allowed by N.C. Gen. Stat; § 62-133(c). Moreover, the AGO stated that it has not entered into a stipulation or other agreement limiting the submission of this testimony. The AGO attached witness Baudino's supplemental testimony and exhibits to its motion.

On July 15, 2020, DEC and DEP filed a joint response to the AGO's motion. Duke stated that DEC and DEP have the ultimate burden of persuasion in the rate cases, and that it has no objection to the filing of witness Baudino's supplemental testimony if DEC and DEP are allowed to file supplemental rebuttal testimony in response thereto. Duke stated that DEC and DEP anticipate that they will be in position to file supplemental rebuttal testimony no later than Monday, July 20, 2020. Accordingly, Duke requested that the Commission enter an order granting the AGO's motion, and granting DEC and DEP leave to file supplemental rebuttal testimony of their return on equity witness Dylan W. D'Ascendis.

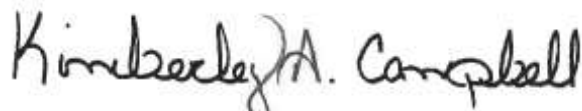
Based on the AGO's motion and Duke's statement that it does not object to the motion, the Presiding Commissioners find good cause to grant the AGO's motion and to accept for filing witness Baudino's supplemental testimony. Further, the Presiding Commissioners find good cause to grant DEC's and DEP's joint motion to file rebuttal testimony in response to witness Baudino's supplemental testimony on or before July 20, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of July, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk