

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1167
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1166

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY
and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for)	CAROLINAS, LLC'S MOTIONS TO
Approval of Solar Rebate Program)	EXTEND INSTALLATION DEADLINES
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f))	FOR SPECIFIED NONPROFIT
)	CUSTOMERS AND REQUESTING
)	UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING
)	NONPROFIT INSTALLATIONS

BY THE CHAIR: On January 5, 2024, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-140, N.C.G.S. § 62-155(f), and Commission Rule R1-5, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed two separate motions requesting Commission approval to extend the deadline for two nonprofit customers to install solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating systems pursuant to the terms of DEC's Solar Rebate Rider SRR (Rider SRR). Pursuant to DEC's Rider SRR, nonprofit customers must complete installation of their PV system no later than the later of 365 days from the date the rebate reservation was obtained or the date of an executed interconnection agreement with DEC.

DEC's first January 5, 2024 motion (First Motion) seeks an extension of the installation deadline for a nonprofit customer in Mills River, North Carolina (Mills River Nonprofit Customer). The Mills River Nonprofit Customer is more specifically identified in DEC's confidential motion filed under seal. The First Motion states that the Mills River Nonprofit Customer has a completion deadline on February 17, 2024. In support of the First Motion, DEC explains that the Mills River Nonprofit Customer has been working with an engineering company since approximately March 2023 to determine if the building required additional structural supports. Through no fault of their own, the Mills River Nonprofit Customer did not receive an answer until November that the building does require additional structural support. The Mills River Nonprofit Customer anticipates that it can add the new supports and complete the installation by August 31, 2024.

DEC's second January 5, 2024 motion (Second Motion) seeks an extension of the installation deadline for a nonprofit customer in Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer). The Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer is more specifically identified in DEC's confidential motion filed under seal. The Second Motion states that the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer has a completion deadline on March 6, 2024. In support of the Second Motion, DEC explains that the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer, through no fault of its own, was impacted by the delay in the finalizing of the

state's budget, which caused it to delay the design and contracting for the project. The project now has funding and is underway. However, the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer does not anticipate being able to complete its installation until October 2024.

Accordingly, DEC requests waiver of the 365-day deadline for installation for the Mills River Nonprofit Customer until August 31, 2024, and for the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer until October 31, 2024. DEC states that waiver of the 365-day installation deadline for these projects is consistent with legislative intent and Commission orders striving to increase nonprofit participation in the Solar Rebate Program. Finally, DEC states that it shared its motions with the Public Staff, and the Public Staff is supportive of the motions.

Based on the foregoing, the Chair finds good cause to grant the requested waivers to the Mills River Nonprofit Customer and the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer, which are further identified in the confidential versions of DEC's First and Second Motions.

Further, the Chair finds good cause to request DEC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), to file a joint report, which may be filed under seal if necessary, in the above-captioned dockets identifying all remaining nonprofit customers awarded Solar Rebate Program rebate reservations that have not yet completed installation of their PV electric generating system. The joint report should identify these customers by name and location, provide each customers' original 365-day installation deadline, provide a summary of any waivers received to date and applicable extended deadlines, and provide a project completion update to the extent known to DEC and DEP.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Mills River Nonprofit Customer shall have until August 31, 2024, to install its PV electric generating system;
2. That the Winston-Salem Nonprofit Customer shall have until October 31, 2024, to install its PV electric generating system; and
3. That DEC and DEP file the above-specified joint report by February 2, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 19th day of January, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tamika D. Conyers".

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk