

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)	AMENDED ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING, REQUIRING FILING OF TESTIMONY, ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY GUIDELINES, AND REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 15, 2023, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Applicant), filed an application to recover its Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Standard Portfolio (REPS), costs in the above-captioned docket, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67, along with direct testimony and exhibits supporting its cost recovery application. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge. DENC also filed its 2022 REPS Compliance Report with its Application.

On August 30, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order, among other things, scheduled a public hearing in this docket on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. However, due to scheduling considerations the Commission finds good cause to issue this Amended Scheduling Order.

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition which a party desires to take shall be taken before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of deposition and all other discovery notices, requests and motions shall be served on the

appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile, or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the evidentiary hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony, shall be served by hand delivery or facsimile to the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena 24 hours after such motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the application and the Applicant's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than 14 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to 10 calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 10 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests related to the prefiled direct testimony of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served not later than 5 calendar days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to 3 business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 9 calendar days after that party's testimony was filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to the Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than 3 business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to 3 business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 3 business days after the rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery from the Applicant.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two calendar days to file a motion to compel with the Commission, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one calendar day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery because of that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission recognizes that in the past most discovery has been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

Further, the Commission finds good cause to require DENC and all other parties who file exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations to provide the Commission Staff, the Public Staff, and any other party upon request from such party an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact.

Finally, the Commission finds good cause to put all interested persons on notice that attorneys and witnesses will be expected to attend and participate in person rather than by remote means.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for Tuesday November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the annual REPS cost recovery proceeding for DENC;

2. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023;

3. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023;

4. That DENC may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Thursday, November 16, 2023;

5. That DENC and all other parties who file exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Commission Staff, the Public Staff, and any other party upon request from such party an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact;

6. That DENC shall publish the Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing;

7. That DENC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing; and

8. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,)
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy) PUBLIC NOTICE
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)
Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-67)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DEC's application for approval of REPS cost recovery and compliance with the REPS requirements during the 2022 calendar year. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 15, 2023, DENC filed direct testimony and exhibits in support of its application for REPS cost recovery and 2022 REPS Compliance Report. By its application, DENC proposes to implement a REPS cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2024. It proposes to implement the following REPS rates, not including the regulatory fee: (1) a \$0.57 per month charge for residential customers, which is an increase of \$0.41 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; (2) a \$3.16 per month charge for commercial customers, which is an increase of \$2.34 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge; and (3) a \$21.15 per month charge for industrial customers, which is an increase of \$15.42 per month from the previous monthly REPS charge.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of

the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless the persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of September, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk