

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 179
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1317
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1290

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 179 |) | |
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| In the Matter of |) | |
| Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and |) | |
| Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, |) | |
| 2022 Biennial Integrated Resource |) | |
| Plans and Carbon Plan |) | |
| |) | ORDER INITIATING PROCEEDING |
| DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1317 |) | AND REQUESTING COMMENTS |
| DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1290 |) | |
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| Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and |) | |
| Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 2023 |) | |
| Solar Procurement Pursuant to Initial |) | |
| Carbon Plan |) | |

BY THE CHAIR: On December 30, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning (Initial Carbon Plan) that in pertinent part directed Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC; together with DEP, Duke), to target the procurement of 2,350 MW of new solar during the 2023-2024 period. The Initial Carbon Plan requires that Duke hold stakeholder discussions regarding a competitive, least cost 2023 Solar Procurement and file, by than no later than February 15, 2023, a proposal to procure new solar generation to be placed in service by 2028, subject to a volume adjustment mechanism, in alignment with the 2023 Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study (DISIS). Also, the Initial Carbon Plan requires that Duke's proposal include proposed terms and conditions, operational conditions, and a pro forma PPA to be used for solar plus storage resources.

On January 27, 2023, Duke filed a motion requesting that the Commission open new dockets to (1) hear Duke's 2023 Solar Procurement proposal and future 2024 Solar Procurement proposal; (2) allow Duke the option of proposing to conduct the 2023 and 2024 Solar Procurement Programs via a Resource Solicitation Cluster (RSC) in lieu of DISIS, consistent with the Commission-approved North Carolina Interconnection Procedures (NCIP); and (3) allow Duke an extension of time to file the 2023 Solar Procurement proposal from February 15, 2023, to April 6, 2023.

Based upon the forgoing, the Chair finds good cause to open Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1317 and E-7, Sub 1290 for the purpose of considering DEP's and DEC's anticipated 2023 Solar Procurement proposal.

The Chair also finds good cause to request comments regarding whether Duke should be permitted to deviate from the Initial Carbon Plan by conducting the 2023 Solar Procurement using an RSC rather than the 2023 DISIS.

Finally, the deadline of February 15, 2023 for the filing of Duke's 2023 Solar Procurement proposal is suspended. A new filing deadline for the 2023 Solar Procurement proposal will be established by future order subsequent to review and consideration of the comments herein requested.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That any person desiring to file comments on Duke's request to conduct the 2023 Solar Procurement in an RSC may file a petition to intervene in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1317 and E-7, Sub 1290 stating such interest on or before February 8, 2023;
2. That parties may file comments on Duke's request to conduct the 2023 Solar Procurement in an RSC on or before February 8, 2023;
3. That Duke may file reply comments on or before February 13, 2023; and
4. That after review of the parties' comments, the Commission will issue further guidance on when Duke shall file its 2023 Solar Procurement proposal.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of February, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Erica N. Green".

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk