

**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		
Comprehensive, Third-Party, Independent)	
Audits of Transactions, Services, and other)	JOINT MOTION FOR
Affiliate Dealings Pursuant to the Regulated)	ADDITIONAL EXTENSION
Utility-to-Regulated Utility Service Agreement)	OF TIME
and other Utility-to-Utility Service Agreements)	

NOW COME the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff); Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP); Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC); and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) (DEP, DEC, Piedmont collectively, the Companies), by and through their counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-9 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules and Regulations, and jointly request an additional 30-day extension of time to issue a Request for Proposal to begin the process of selecting an auditor to conduct the comprehensive, third-party audit of other Affiliate dealings pursuant to the Service Company Utility Service Agreement and other Affiliate transactions other than transactions undertaken pursuant to regulated utility to regulated utility service agreements, as set forth in Regulatory Condition No. 5.8(a)(ii), as adopted in the August 24, 2018 Order Granting Motion to Amend Regulatory Conditions in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095A; E-7, Sub 1100A; and G-9, Sub 682A. In support, the Parties show the following:

1. Regulatory Condition No. 5.8(a) provides that no less often than every two years, a third-party independent audit shall be conducted related to the affiliate transactions undertaken pursuant to Affiliate agreements filed in accordance with all conditions approved by the Commission concerning affiliate transactions, including the propriety of the transfer pricing of goods and services between or among DEC, DEP, Piedmont, other Affiliates and all of the Nonpublic Utility Operations.
2. On March 28, 2023, the Commission granted the Companies' Motion for Extension of Time for the Public Staff to file its recommendation of an independent auditor to conduct the audit required by Regulatory Condition No. 5.8.
3. Due to the press of other business, the process to select an auditor is currently being initiated. In past audits, the Public Staff has prepared a formal Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes a detailed description of the scope of the audit that is reviewed by the Companies prior to issuance. After the RFP is issued, interviews of respondents will be conducted, and the Public Staff will make a recommendation of the auditor to the Commission.
4. The parties request an additional 30-day extension of time, to and including June 30, 2023, so that the Public Staff has sufficient time to issue the RFP, after consultation with the Companies, and to begin the process of selecting an independent auditor. Once selected, the Public Staff will notify the Commission of its recommendation.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly request that the Commission grant an additional 30-day extension of time, to and including June 30, 2023, to issue a Request for Proposal to begin the process of selecting an auditor to conduct the comprehensive, third-party audit of the Companies' affiliate transactions under the utility-to-utility service agreements and for any such further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 31st day of May 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 31st day of May 2023.

Electronically submitted
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