

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina and for Performance- Based Regulation	) ORDER SCHEDULING VIRTUAL PUBLIC ) WITNESS HEARING AND ESTABLISHING ) REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTICE OF ) VIRTUAL PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING )
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BY THE CHAIR: On October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina and for approval of performance-based regulation. DEP supplies retail service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina. On October 31, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates.

On December 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order), in the above-captioned docket.

On December 21, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Rescheduling Public Witness Hearings, Revising Public Notice, and Revising Requirement for Mailing Public Notice (Second Scheduling Order), that made some changes to the dates set out in the Scheduling Order.

In the two orders, the Commission scheduled public witness hearings in this docket to take place in county courthouses in Lumberton, Raleigh, Waynesville, Roxboro, and Snow Hill, North Carolina on several dates in March 2023.

The Commission has received statements from the following parties on the location of the public hearings: (1) NC WARN; (2) Robeson County Cooperative for Sustainable Development; (3) 350-Triangle; (4) 350-Charlotte; (5) Beyond Extreme Energy; (6) North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light; (7) NC Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live; (8) Appalachian Voices; (9) North Carolina Council of Churches; (10) North Carolina League of Conservation Voters; (11) Climate Action NC; (12) The RedTailed Hawk Collective; and (13) Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign. In sum, the parties advocate for moving the hearings to alternative locations other than rural courthouses.

The Commission appreciates the engagement of the parties and notes their concerns. As the parties recognize in their statement, the Commission selected the sites of the public hearings in order to provide more opportunities for participation for DEP customers who live in more rural areas. While the Commission recognizes that some citizens prefer locations other than courthouses, the Commission holds its public witness hearings in courthouses for reasons of security and safety. For those reasons the Commission will not postpone or move locations for the public witness hearings it has scheduled in this case.

However, in order to provide additional opportunities for public witnesses to participate, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a sixth public witness hearing on DEP's application for Thursday, April 20, 2023. The hearing shall be held remotely via Webex. The remote hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at the earlier of the last witness' testimony or 9:00 p.m. A link to the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Members of the public who would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing.

To register, please complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html). If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837.

**Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, will be allowed to testify at the April 20, 2023, remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2023.**

The Commission directs DEP to provide its customers notice of the additional public witness hearing using the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

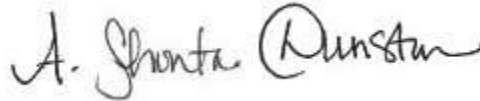
1. That an additional hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on DEP's application is hereby scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023, to be held remotely via Webex;
2. That the hearing will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5);
3. That DEP shall, at its own expense, publish in newspapers having general coverage in its service area, the Public Notice of Hearings on Rate Increase Application attached as Appendix A, once a week for two consecutive weeks, in advance of the hearing scheduled herein. The Public Notice shall cover no less than one-fourth of a page;
4. That DEP shall make a copy of the Public Notice of Hearings on Rate Increase Application prominently available on its website; and

5. That DEP shall file no later than the date of this additional public hearing an affidavit of publication and certificate of service showing that it provided notice as required herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of March, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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Charges Applicable to Electric Service	)
in North Carolina and for Performance-	)
Based Regulations	)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina and for approval of performance-based regulation. DEP supplies retail service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

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In the two orders, the Commission scheduled public witness hearings in this docket in county courthouses in Lumberton, Raleigh, Waynesville, Roxboro, and Snow Hill, North Carolina on several dates in March 2023. The Commission required DEP to give its customers notice of the impact of the application on customer rates, and of the dates, times, and locations of the public witness hearings. The Commission included the specific Public Notice as Appendix A to the December 16, 2022 Order and subsequently modified the Public Notice in the December 21, 2022 Order.

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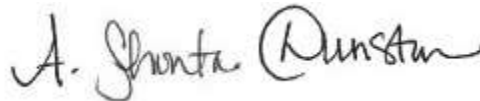
A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided after the registration form is submitted. Further instructions, including the call-in number, will be provided to you by email approximately one week before the hearing. Witnesses calling from a different number than provided at registration may experience delays or other difficulties in providing their testimony. If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837.

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The public witness hearing will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearing pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

This the 14th day of March, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk