

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1306

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES,
for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)	ACCEPTING TESTIMONY,
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery)	CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and)	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
Commission Rule R8-67)	PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On March 15, 2024, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on June 10, 2024.¹

On May 30, 2024, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the June 10, 2024 hearing and accept the expert witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record. Movants state that they consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses, and do not object to the introduction of their prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record.

The public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on June 10, 2024, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing and to require that the parties file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before July 10, 2024, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

¹ On October 10, 2023, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2023-138 changing the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) to the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (CEPS).

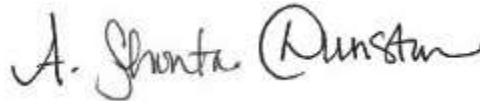
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Movants' expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on June 10, 2024, their testimony and exhibits are hereby accepted into evidence, and the expert witness hearing is canceled;
2. That the public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on June 10, 2024, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing; and
3. That on or before July 10, 2024, DEC and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and the other parties may file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to file briefs or proposed orders.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of June, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk