

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1167  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1166

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,	)	
and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for	)	ORDER ACCEPTING
Approval of Solar Rebate Program	)	COMPLIANCE FILING
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-155(f)	)	

BY THE CHAIR: On November 6, 2020, the Commission issued an Order in this proceeding modifying the fourth year of the Solar Rebate Program offered by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) (collectively, Duke). In part, the Commission ordered that that Duke implement two enrollment periods each year, with the first application period of 2021 opening on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. The Commission also ordered Duke to continue the 90-day eligibility window for systems installed prior to submitting an application for a rebate, meaning that projects completed within 90 days of the start of the enrollment period are eligible to apply for a rebate.

On November 13, 2020, Duke filed a Motion for Clarification or Reconsideration requesting that the Commission allow the Companies to accept customers' applications for solar rebates who installed systems on October 6, 2020, and October 7, 2020, that would otherwise be eligible for a solar rebate had the opening window not been moved forward two days from January 4, 2021, to January 6, 2021.

On November 16, 2020, Duke filed compliance tariffs to reflect the modifications approved by the Commission in the November 6, 2020 Order.

On November 25, 2020, the Commission issued an additional Order that allows October 6 and 7, 2020 installations to apply to Solar Rebate Program beginning on January 6, 2021. The November 25, 2020 Order further directed Duke to filed revised compliance tariffs consistent with the provisions of that Order.

On December 11, 2020, Duke filed revised compliance tariffs to reflect the additional modification approved by the Commission in the November 25, 2020 Order.

On December 16, 2020, the Public Staff filed a letter in this proceeding stating that it has reviewed Duke's December 11, 2020 compliance filing, finds that the modifications comply with the Commission's orders, and recommends that the Commission accept Duke's compliance filing. The Public Staff further notes that the change from a single

annual enrollment period to two enrollment periods each year starting in July 2021 results in an alignment issue between the timeframe when a residential customer who has obtained a rebate reservation must complete installation of the system and the timeframe by which applications on the “wait list” established for each application period are cancelled. The Public Staff states that it discussed this issue with Duke and recommends that Duke increase its outreach to applicants with rebate reservations prior to the time by which applications on the wait list are cancelled at the end of each enrollment period in order to maximize the number of customers able to utilize the available capacity prior to any unused capacity rolling forward into a subsequent application period. Finally, the Public Staff states that it plans to continue to discuss this issue with Duke and other interested parties.

No other responses to Duke’s December 11, 2020 compliance filing were received by the Commission. The Chair finds Duke’s December 11, 2020 compliance filing to be responsive to the Commission’s November 6, 2020 and November 25, 2020 Orders.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record in the above-captioned proceedings, the Chair finds good cause to accept Duke’s December 11, 2020 filing as documentation of compliance with the November 6, 2020 and November 25, 2020 Orders. The Commission, therefore, accepts Duke’s December 11, 2020 compliance filing. In addition, the Chair finds good cause to order Duke to increase its outreach to applicants with rebate reservations prior to the time by which applications on the wait list are cancelled at the end of each enrollment period in order to maximize the number of customers able to utilize the available capacity prior to any unused capacity rolling forward into a subsequent application period as recommended by the Public Staff.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of December, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk