STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 645

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order scheduling the above-captioned matter for a hearing on November 9, 2022. Testimony and exhibits have been filed herein for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), by witnesses Michael T. Hubbard, Edmund J. Hall, Jarvis E. Bates, Justin A. Wooldridge, Christopher C. Hewett, and Casey R. Lawson; and for the Public Staff by witness Tommy C. Williamson, Jr., and by Notice of Affidavit and Affidavit of Kuei Fen Sun. No other party filed testimony or an affidavit.

On August 30, 2022, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I (CIGFUR) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission granted the Petition on September 1, 2022.

On November 1, 2022, DENC and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse their witnesses from attending the hearing, accept their testimony and affidavit into evidence, and cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing. Movants stated, among other things, that DENC and the Public Staff have reached agreement on all issues and have agreed to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses. Further, Movants stated that counsel for CIGFUR has also agreed to waive cross-examination of DENC's and the Public Staff's witnesses and has indicated that CIGFUR does not object to Movants' motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all of Movants' witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 9, 2022, to receive the witnesses' testimony, exhibits and affidavit into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing.

The public witness hearing scheduled for November 9, 2022, will be held as scheduled, and the record will be held open pending the public witness hearing.

Finally, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that DENC and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 9, 2022. CIGFUR may file a brief and/or proposed order by the same date if it desires to do so.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the Movants' expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on November 9, 2022; their testimony, exhibits, and affidavit are hereby accepted into evidence; and the expert witness hearing is canceled;
- 2. That the public witness hearing scheduled for November 9, 2022, shall be held as scheduled, and the record shall be held open pending said public witness hearing; and
- 3. That on or before December 9, 2022, DENC and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and CIGFUR may file a brief and/or proposed order by the same date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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