

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application for General Rate Case)	
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DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 55)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
)	EXCUSE APPEARANCE OF
In the Matter of)	WITNESS DAVID STARK AND TO
Petition of Appalachian State University)	ACCEPT PREFILED REBUTTAL
d/b/a New River Light and Power for an)	TESTIMONY INTO RECORD
Accounting Order to Defer Certain Capital)	
Costs and New Tax Expenses)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 22, 2022, Appalachian State University d/b/a New River Light & Power Company (NRLP) filed an application with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 and Commission Rules R1-5, R1-17, and R8-27, seeking authority to increase its rates for electric service in its service area in Watauga County, North Carolina.

On January 11, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates.

On February 1, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Granting Motion to Consolidate Dockets consolidating the general rate case proceeding initiated by NRLP's Application for General Rate Case, Docket No. E-34, Sub 54, with the proceedings NRLP initiated on November 8, 2022, when it filed a Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Certain Capital-Related Costs and Tax Expenses in Docket No. E-34, Sub 55.

On June 23, 2023, NRLP filed the Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of David Stark, March 20, 2023.

On July 5, 2023, NRLP filed a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness for the expert witness hearing scheduled for July 10, 2023. No party indicated that it had cross-examination questions for witness Stark.

On July 6, 2023, NRLP filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement which resolved all issues of disagreement between NRLP and the Public Staff.

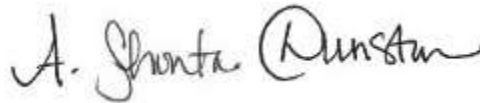
Also on July 6, 2023, NRLP filed a motion to excuse the appearance of NRLP witness David Stark and to accept his prefiled rebuttal testimony into record. NRLP stated that no party opposed the motion.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the motion and will excuse NRLP witness Stark and accept the prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of David Stark into the record.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

This the 7th day of July, 2023.

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