



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

June 2, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket Nos. E-7, Subs 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231
Public Staff's Consent to Remote Hearing - Docket No. E-7, Sub 1229

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On February 25, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed applications in the above-captioned dockets for adjustments to its fuel, REPS, DSM/EE, and CPRE cost recovery riders, respectively.

On March 17, 2020, the Commission issued orders in each docket scheduling hearings on June 9, 2020, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the following sequence: E-7, Sub 1228 – Fuel rider; E-7, Sub 1230 – DSM/EE rider; E-7, Sub 1229 – REPS rider; and E-7, Sub 1231 – CPRE rider.

On May 29, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Remote Hearings for Expert Witness Testimony* (Scheduling Order) in the above-referenced dockets. The Order states that because of the number of persons who will be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearings in the four dockets, the expert witness portion of the hearings will be held by remote means on WebEx. Additionally, the Commission's Order provides that on or before Wednesday, June 3, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means on WebEx, or a statement objecting to same.

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Pursuant to paragraph (1) of the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff hereby states its consent to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means in the E-7, Sub 1229, REPS rider proceeding. The Public Staff will send directly to the Chief Clerk via email the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearings on the party's behalf on or before Thursday, June 4, 2020; pursuant to paragraph (2) of the Scheduling Order.

The Public Staff notes that on May 20, 2020, DEC and the Public Staff filed a joint motion to excuse all witnesses from appearing at the scheduled June 9, 2020 evidentiary hearing and further requested that the prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of all witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record. Since all parties to this docket have agreed to waive cross-examination of DEC and Public Staff witnesses and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony, affidavits and exhibits into the record, the Public Staff also notifies the Commission and other parties that it does not have potential cross-examination exhibits to be filed, as requested in paragraph (3) of the Scheduling Order.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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c: Parties of Record