

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Applications by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	
Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Public Service)	
Company of North Carolina, Inc., and Piedmont)	ORDER ALLOWING THE
Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Adjustment of)	FILING OF COMMENTS
Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility)	
Service in North Carolina)	

BY THE CHAIR: On August 12, 2022, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP; collectively, the Companies), and the Public Staff filed the Joint Final Report and Recommendations of the North Carolina Low-Income Affordability Collaborative (LIAC) in Docket Nos. E-2, Subs 1193 and 1219, and E-7, Subs 1187, 1213, and 1214 (Final Report).

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Acknowledging Final Report and Requiring Briefing, which among other things required the Companies, together with the co-leaders of the LIAC’s four subteams, to brief the Commission on the work of the Collaborative and the Final Report, to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., or directly following Staff Conference.

On September 19, 2022, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I (CIGFUR I), the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates II (CIGFUR II), and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III (CIGFUR III; collectively, CIGFUR), filed a Motion for Leave to File Comments in Response to the Joint Final Report and Recommendations of the North Carolina Low-Income Affordability Collaborative. In support, CIGFUR notes that the Commission, in its Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. E-7, Subs 1187, 1213, and 1214 (DEC Rate Case Order), stated that following receipt of the Final Report it would “issue a procedural order allowing for the public and interested parties to comment on the

joint final report.” DEC Rate Case Order at 179. CIGFUR states that it actively participated in the LIAC, that it and other LIAC participants were not given an opportunity to review, suggest edits, or give feedback on the Final Report, and the Commission would benefit from comments from CIGFUR and other LIAC participants. CIGFUR also lists several LIAC participants who either support or do not oppose the motion, including the Companies and the Public Staff. CIGFUR requests that the Commission allow comments to be filed on or before October 17, 2022.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair concludes that good cause exists to allow any LIAC participant to file comments in response to the Final Report and its recommendations. Such comments shall be filed on or before Monday, October 24, 2022. Reply comments may be filed on or before Monday, November 7, 2022. The Chair notes that it is not the Commission’s intention to issue any substantive decision in the instant dockets regarding one or more of the several specific programs or the recommendations raised in and addressed by the Affordability Collaborative. Rather, it is anticipated and expected that parties will seek to raise before the Commission the work and recommendations of the Affordability Collaborative as appropriate in future proceedings.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 5th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica N. Green".

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk