

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213

In the Matter of
Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,
for Approval of Prepaid Advantage
Program

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214

In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas,
LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in
North Carolina

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187

In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,
LLC, for an Accounting Order to Defer
Incremental Storm Damage Expenses
Incurred as a Result of Hurricanes Florence
and Michael and Winter Storm Diego

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in
North Carolina

ORDER EXCUSING SEVERAL
WITNESSES FROM TESTIFYING
AT EXPERT WITNESS HEARINGS

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 17, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Procedures for Expert Witness Hearings (Hearing Order), in the above-captioned dockets involving general rate case applications by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP). The Hearing Order, among other

things, scheduled a consolidated expert witness hearing to commence on July 27, 2020, for the purpose of considering testimony on topics for which the evidence is identical in both the DEC and DEP cases, to be followed by a separate DEC hearing commencing on August 4, 2020, to consider the remaining DEC issues, to be immediately followed by a separate hearing in DEP's rate case to consider the remaining DEP issues.

On July 2, 2020, DEC and DEP (collectively Duke), filed a Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses from Attending Evidentiary Hearing. In summary, Duke stated that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of the witnesses designated below for the consolidated and separate hearings, except where otherwise noted, and that the parties on behalf of whom the designated witnesses filed testimony authorized Duke to file a motion requesting that their witnesses be excused from testifying.

Party/Witness(es)

DEC:
Steven Capps
Kimberly McGee
Rufus Jackson
Renee Metzler
John Panizza
Teresa Reed
Rudolph Bonaparte

Public Staff:
Scott Saillor
John Hinton (non-consolidated portion
of hearings only)

CBD & AV:
Shaye Wolf

Commercial Group:
Steve Chriss

Harris Teeter:
Justin Beiber

NC WARN:
William Powers

Tech Customers:
Kurt Strunk (non-consolidated portion
of hearing only)

Party/Witness(es)

DEP:
Rufus Jackson
Kimberly McGee
Renee Metzler
Rudolph Bonaparte
John Panizza

Public Staff:
Scott Saillor

FPWC:
Gary Brunault

Commercial Group:
Steve Chriss

Harris Teeter:
Justin Beiber

NC WARN:
William Powers

On July 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Recommended Consolidated Issues for Remote Expert Witness Hearing and Postponing Separate Issue

Hearings (Consolidated Hearing Order). The Consolidated Hearing Order identified the topics to be addressed by expert witness testimony in the consolidated DEC/DEP hearing to be held remotely beginning on July 27, 2020, and postponed the previously scheduled separate hearings on DEC's and DEP's applications until a date certain to be set by subsequent order.

Based on Duke's motion and the records in these dockets, the Commission finds good cause to excuse the witnesses designated above from testifying at the consolidated expert witness hearing in these dockets that is scheduled to begin on July 27, 2020, and from testifying at the separate DEC and DEP hearings to be scheduled, except for witnesses John Hinton and Kurt Strunk, who will be required to appear and testify in the consolidated hearing. Further, the Commission finds good cause to admit into evidence at the hearings the testimony and exhibits of the excused witnesses designated above.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of July, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk