

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Joint Petition of Duke Energy)	ORDER EXTENDING TRANCHE 2
Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy)	CPRE RFP SOLICITATION RESPONSE
Progress, LLC, for Approval of)	DEADLINE AND RESCHEDULING
Competitive Procurement of)	STAKEHOLDER MEETING
Renewable Energy Program)	

BY THE CHAIR: On July 2, 2019, the Commission issued an Order modifying and accepting the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program Plan filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (together, Duke). In that Order, the Commission directed Duke and the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program to adjust the schedule of Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation so that acceptance of proposals would open on October 15, 2019, and close on December 15, 2019. In addition, that Order required Duke to host monthly stakeholder meetings leading up to the opening of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation, with the final meeting scheduled for December 15, 2019.

On October 7, 2019, the Commission issued an Order requesting that the parties herein provide comments as to certain discrete issues related to the application of the solar integration services charge (SISC) to this program. The SISC is among the issues that the Commission resolved through issuance of a Notice of Decision and Supplemental Notice of Decision in the 2018 biennial avoided cost proceeding (Docket No. E-100, Sub 158). Importantly, the Notice of Decision and Supplemental Notice of Decision were issued in Docket No. E-100, Sub 158, to allow for the calculation of avoided cost rates and determination of the cost-effectiveness limitation with respect to proposals submitted in the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation and as part of the Commission's effort to facilitate the timely continuance of the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation.

On or after October 18, 2019, Duke, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) and North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance (NCCEBA), First Solar, Inc. (First Solar), and the Public Staff filed comments and reply comments in response to the Commission's October 7 Order.

On November 22, 2019, NCCEBA, NCSEA, Duke, and the Public Staff filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission extend the deadline for the submission of proposals in the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation through February 15, 2020 (or 45 days after the Commission issues an order resolving the issues related to the SISC), and to reschedule the stakeholder meeting previously scheduled for December 15, 2019,

to January 15, 2019 (or 30 days prior to the deadline for submission of proposals in the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation).¹

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Chair finds good cause to direct the Independent Administrator to extend the deadline for the receipt of responses to the Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation to allow market participants and the Proposal Team to submit proposals on or before February 17, 2020,² and to reschedule the stakeholder meeting previously scheduled for December 15, 2019, to a date convenient to the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program, Duke, and the interested stakeholders, but no later than January 17, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of December, 2019.

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

¹ Although not a party to this proceeding, the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program joined the joint motion.

² February 17, 2020, is the next day following February 15, 2020 (a Saturday), on which the Commission's offices will be open for business.