

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 927
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1032
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 927

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
for Modification of Residential Service Load)
Control Program)
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DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
for Approval of PowerPairSM Solar and Battery)
Installation Pilot Program Pursuant to Order)
of the North Carolina Utilities Commission)
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ORDER GRANTING
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR
COMMENTS, INTERVENTIONS
AND REPLY COMMENTS

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1032

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Modification of Residential Service Power)
Manager Load Control Program)
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Approval of PowerPairSM Solar and Battery)
Installation Pilot Program Pursuant to Order)
of the North Carolina Utilities Commission)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONERS: On March 23, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Declining to Approve Proposed Smart Saver Solar Program and Requiring Development of Pilot Program (Smart Saver Order), in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1287 and E-7, Sub 1261 (Smart Saver Dockets). In summary, the Smart Saver Order denied the applications of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, collectively Duke), for approval of their Smart Saver Solar Energy Efficiency Program and required DEP and DEC to file a proposed pilot program pairing solar generation with energy storage.

On June 21, 2023, DEP and DEC filed their proposed PowerPairSM Solar and Battery Installation Program (Power Pair Program) in the Smart \$aver Dockets. On the same date, in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 927 and E-7, Sub 1032 (Load Control Dockets), DEP and DEC filed motions for the approval of modifications to their residential load control programs, EnergyWise and Power Manager, respectively (collectively, EE Program Modifications).

Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-68(d)(2), after an electric public utility files a request for approval or modification of a demand-side management or energy efficiency program the Public Staff and other interested parties have 30 days from the date of the filing to file a protest pursuant to Rule R1-6, a petition for intervention pursuant to Rule R1-19, or comments. Further, the electric public utility has the opportunity to respond to the petitions for intervention, protests and comments within 10 days.

On June 29, 2023, in the Smart \$aver Dockets, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Comments. The Order set the dates for the filing of comments and reply comments on the Power Pair Program, with comments due on August 7, 2023, and reply comments due on August 28, 2023.

On July 12, 2023, the Public Staff filed a motion stating that it is simultaneously reviewing the Power Pair Program and EE Program Modifications (Programs), and has been working diligently to serve data requests, review Duke's responses, and otherwise conduct its investigation and prepare comments. The Public Staff further stated that due to the press of other ongoing dockets and deadlines, the Public Staff requires additional time to review Duke's discovery responses and to conduct a thorough assessment of the Programs. As a result, the Public Staff requested that the Commission align the Smart \$aver and Load Control Dockets by permitting parties to file interventions, comments and protests on or before August 21, 2023, such that the deadline for initial comments in all such dockets is uniform; and by permitting parties to file reply comments in the Smart \$aver Dockets on or before September 11, 2023. In addition, the Public Staff stated that it had conferred with counsel for Duke and that Duke does not object to the extension. Moreover, the Public Staff stated that it reached out to counsel of record for other parties in the dockets, several of whom stated that they have no objection to the extension, and several of whom stated that they support the extension. Finally, the Public Staff stated that although it has not received responses from all the parties, no party has objected to the extension.

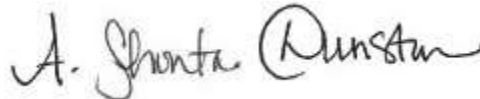
Based on the Public Staff's motion, the record in the Smart \$aver and Load Control Dockets, and the efficiencies of fully aligning these closely related dockets, the Presiding Commissioners find good cause to allow interested persons to file petitions to intervene on or before August 21, 2023, to allow the Public Staff and all intervenors to file initial comments on the Programs on or before August 21, 2023, and to allow all parties to file reply comments on the Programs on or before September 11, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th 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