

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 46

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Appalachian State)
University, d/b/a New River Light and)
Power Company, for an Adjustment of)
Rates and Charges for Electric Service in)
North Carolina)
	JOINT MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP), and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), through counsel and pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission), respectfully move the Commission to amend the procedural schedule in this proceeding as set forth below. In support of this motion, NRLP and the Public Staff show unto the Commission as follows:

1. On July 28, 2017, NRLP filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for electric utility service.
2. NRLP subsequently amended the application.
3. On August 28, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order Establishing a General Rate Case, Suspending Rates, Scheduling Hearings, and Requiring Customer Notice* (Order). The Order specified that the Public Staff shall file direct testimony and exhibits on or before December 15, 2017, and also provided that NRLP shall file rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, on or before January 2, 2018. The Order scheduled a hearing on October 24, 2017, for the

purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses only. The Order stated that the hearing will resume on January 9, 2018, at 10 a.m. and continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of witnesses for NRLP and the Public Staff.

4. No other party has intervened in this case.

5. The public hearing was held as scheduled on October 24, 2017. No public witnesses testified.

6. By motion for extension of time filed December 13, 2017, the Public Staff requested that the Commission extend the due date for the filing of Public Staff testimony to December 20, 2017, and for the filing of rebuttal testimony to January 5, 2018. On December 13, 2017, the Commission granted the Public Staff's motion.

7. On December 20, 2017, the Public Staff's counsel made an oral motion to the Commission requesting a one-day extension of time to file its testimony and exhibits. On December 21, 2017, the Commission granted the motion.

8. NRLP and the Public Staff are engaged in ongoing extensive settlement negotiations, which they anticipate will result in a comprehensive settlement.

9. In order to permit NRLP and the Public Staff time to properly and adequately address the remaining issues between the parties, and to facilitate their ability to file meaningful settlement testimony in this proceeding, NRLP and the Public Staff request that they be allowed to file a settlement agreement and

supporting testimony on or before January 17, 2018, and that NRLP be allowed to file rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before January 19, 2018.

10. If the Commission grants this request to amend the procedural schedule, NRLP and the Public Staff anticipate that the Commission will also schedule a new date for the evidentiary hearing of this matter.

11. NRLP and the Public Staff submit that the amendment to the procedural schedule requested herein is reasonable and designed to further the pursuit of comprehensive settlement in a complex case and will not cause prejudice to any party.

WHEREFORE, NRLP and the Public Staff respectfully pray that the Commission establish a procedural schedule in this proceeding in conformance with the proposal set forth above.

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of January, 2018.

NEW RIVER LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Electronically submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing upon each of the parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by emailing them an electronic copy or by causing a paper copy of the same to be hand-delivered or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to each.

This the 5th day of January, 2018.

Electronically submitted
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