

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1304

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,        )  
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and                )  
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel            )  
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments             )  
for Electric Utilities                                    )

ORDER EXCUSING  
CERTAIN WITNESSES

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 27, 2024, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) filed its initial application for approval of the Fuel Program rider (Application) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. In support of its Application, DEC prefiled the direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses Sigourney Clark, Jeffrey Flanagan, John Swez, Kelly McNeil, Matthew L. Cameron, and Steven D. Capps.

The Commission granted the interventions of the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA) and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III (CIGFUR) by respective orders dated March 7, 2024. The intervention of the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission is recognized as of right pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-15(d)(3).

On May 8, 2024, DEC prefiled the Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Sigourney Clark.

On May 23, 2024, the Public Staff prefiled the direct testimonies and exhibits of Darrell Brown, Evan D. Lawrence, Michelle Boswell, and James S. McLawhorn; CUCA prefiled the direct testimony and exhibits of Jonathan Ly; and CIGFUR prefiled the direct testimony and exhibit of Brian Collins.

On June 6, 2024, DEC, the Public Staff, CUCA, and CIGFUR filed a joint motion seeking to excuse the following witnesses from testifying at the June 10, 2024 evidentiary hearing: (1) Matthew L. Cameron; (2) Steven D. Capps; (3) John D. Swez; (4) Jeffrey Flanagan; (5) Kelly 4 McNeil; (6) Darrell Brown; (7) Evan D. Lawrence; (8) Jonathan Ly; and (9) Brian Collins. In support of the motion, the parties state that the only disputed issue remaining in this matter is the disagreement between the Public Staff and Duke regarding DEC’s request to true-up the EMF rate component currently in effect through the rates requested for approval in the current proceeding. The parties further state that, other than the contested EMF issue, they agree that the rates proposed and the methodology used to calculate the proposed are appropriate for this proceeding. Finally,

the parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of the requested excused witnesses and do not object to the introduction of these witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits being entered into the record. DEC and the Public Staff intend to present the following witnesses at the hearing: Clark, Sykes, Boswell, and McLawhorn.


Based on the motion and the entire record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse DEC witnesses Cameron, Capps, Swez, Flanagan, and McNeil; Public Staff witnesses Brown and Lawrence; CUCA witness Ly; and CIGFUR witness Collins from appearing and testifying at the June 10, 2024 expert witness hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of June, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk