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Ms. Gail Mount
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North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

**Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 136
Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost Rates for Electric
Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities- 2012**

Dear Mr. Mount:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and 30 copies of Dominion North Carolina Power's, Duke Energy Progress, Inc.'s and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Joint Motion to Strike North Carolina Sustainable Energy's correspondence and Report filed on October 18, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Kendrick C. Fentress

Enclosures

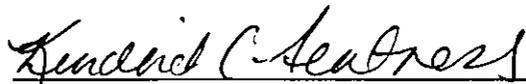
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that Dominion North Carolina Power's, Duke Energy Progress, Inc.'s and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Motion to Strike North Carolina Sustainable Energy's correspondence and accompanying Report in Docket No. E-100, Sub 136, has been served on all parties of record either by hand delivery, email or by depositing said copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

This the 25th day of October, 2013.



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In support thereof, the Utilities show the following:

1. NCSEA is an intervenor in this docket. The Intervenors' deadline to file testimony and exhibits was September 27, 2013. NCSEA filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Karl R. Rabago on September 27, 2013.

2. The deadline for the Utilities to file their rebuttal testimony and exhibits was October 18, 2013. Accordingly, they filed their rebuttal testimony on October 18, 2013.

3. Also on October 18, 2013, NCSEA filed correspondence and an accompanying Report that materially amends and supplements Mr. Rabago's pre-filed testimony and exhibits. As described in the transmittal letter, NCSEA is materially amending the answers provided by Mr. Rabago in his pre-filed testimony. In addition, the transmittal letter states that the Report and its conclusions "offer *additional* support for Mr. Rabago's conclusions and recommendations as set out in his pre-filed testimony." (emphasis added).

4. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-65 provides that the Commission shall apply the rules of evidence applicable in civil actions in Superior Court, insofar as practicable to its proceedings. It further provides that every party to a proceeding shall have the right to call and examine witnesses, to cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues, and to rebut evidence against such party.

5. Commission Rule R1-24(g)(2) provides that all intervenors shall file all testimony, exhibits, and other information that is to be relied upon at the hearing 20 days in advance of the scheduled hearing. Subsection (g)(4) further provides and contemplates

that all witnesses presenting evidence shall be subject to cross-examination with regard to any exhibits or testimony such witness seeks to offer.

6. The Commission's rules and procedures are intended to preserve the rights of the parties in presenting their cases. The Utilities have the burden of proof in this proceeding. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-75. In preparing their rebuttal testimony, they relied upon the timely-filed direct testimony and exhibits of the Intervenors. Thus, the Utilities are prejudiced by NCSEA's supplement to its pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits. Because NCSEA filed this amended testimony and supplemental exhibit on the same day as rebuttal testimony was due, the Utilities were effectively foreclosed from addressing them in their rebuttal testimony. Furthermore, they are unable to cross-examine the authors of the Report, who have not filed testimony in this proceeding.

7. Moreover, NCSEA had ample opportunity to prepare and present its testimony and supporting exhibits in this matter prior to September 27, 2013. The Utilities filed their avoided cost rates on November 1, 2012, almost a year ago. NCSEA has been involved in this matter since that filing. The parties to this proceeding filed comments outlining their positions between the months of February and March 2013. The Commission issued its order first scheduling an evidentiary hearing on June 6, 2013. Like the other intervenors, NCSEA had over six weeks after the filing of the Utilities' direct testimony and exhibits to prepare and file its own direct testimony and exhibits. With all of these opportunities to present its case, NCSEA should not now be allowed "to notify" the Commission and all parties that it intends to materially supplement its pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits just nine days prior to the evidentiary hearing and essentially after the parties with the burden of proof have filed their rebuttal testimony.

The Commission's rules and procedures do not provide for a "second bite of the apple" for NCSEA in this matter.

8. For foregoing reasons, the Utilities respectfully move to strike the correspondence and accompanying Report filed by NCSEA on October 18, 2013. Counsel for DNCP has authorized counsel for DEC and DEP to sign this Motion on her behalf.

Respectfully submitted, this the 25nd day of October, 2013.

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