

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Plan Reports and Related 2020 REPS	)	TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL
Compliance Plans	)	REPLY COMMENTS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: The Commission has received comments and reply comments on the 2020 biennial integrated resource plans and 2020 REPS compliance plans (IRPs), filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (collectively, Duke or the Companies), and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, in the above-captioned docket.

On June 17, 2021, Duke filed a motion requesting leave to file supplemental reply comments on or before July 1, 2021, in response to the second corrected version of the Report of Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. (Second Corrected Synapse Report), filed by North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Sierra Club, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively, Joint Synapse Sponsors). In summary, Duke stated that on May 4, 2021, during the South Carolina Public Service Commission's expert witness hearing on the 2020 IRPs filed in South Carolina, Duke pointed out three errors in the Synapse Report. During cross-examination, Synapse witness Rachel Wilson testified that corrections to the Synapse Report were needed. On May 27, 2021, the Joint Synapse Sponsors filed the Second Corrected Synapse Report to correct errors that were identified by Synapse. However, Duke did not receive the Second Corrected Synapse Report until Duke was served by counsel for the Joint Synapse Sponsors after 4:00 p.m. on the day before Duke's reply comments were due in the present docket. As a result, Duke's Reply Comments, filed on May 28, 2021, addressed the analysis and issues raised in the First Corrected Synapse Report, and Duke stated that it reserved the right to file comments in response to the Second Corrected Synapse Report after a reasonable period of time to allow for review and additional discovery as warranted.

Duke stated that even with the proximity to the May 28, 2021 reply comments deadline, several intervenors relied upon, adopted, or otherwise analyzed the Second Corrected Synapse Report in their reply comments. Duke stated that on June 2, 2021, it sent discovery requests to the Joint Synapse Sponsors seeking further information regarding the inputs, assumptions, and modeling used to develop the Second Corrected Synapse Report. Duke stated that the Joint Synapse Sponsors provided responses, including the data and inputs requested, on June 11, 2021, that Duke is diligently working

to evaluate the Second Corrected Synapse Report, and that it plans to seek follow-up discovery, as needed, on or before June 18, 2021.

Duke contended that it will be prejudiced without a fair opportunity to respond to the Second Corrected Synapse Report, and that the Commission will be prejudiced in that it will be forced to evaluate the alternative resource plan proposed by the Second Corrected Synapse Report without the benefit of a vetting process. Finally, Duke stated that it contacted counsel for all parties of record regarding this motion via electronic mail, and no counsel for any party who has responded has indicated any objection to Duke's motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to allow Duke to file supplemental reply comments addressing the changes in the Second Corrected Synapse Report, including comments in response to any parties' reply comments relying upon or proposing that the Commission adopt the Second Corrected Synapse Report. Duke shall file its supplemental reply comments on or before July 1, 2021.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of June, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey A. Worley".

Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk