

**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,)	ORDER CANCELLING HEARING,
d/b/a, New River Light and Power Company)	ACCEPTING EVIDENCE, AND
for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges for)	REQUIRING FILING OF JOINT
Electric Service in North Carolina)	PROPOSED ORDER

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On July 28, 2017, Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP) filed an application with the Commission pursuant to G.S. 62-133 and 62-134, and Commission Rules R1-5, R1-17, and R8-27, seeking authority to increase its rates for electric service in its service area in Watauga County, North Carolina.

On August 28, 2017, the Commission issued an Order establishing this proceeding as a general rate case, suspending the effect of the proposed rates pending the Commission's investigation, scheduling hearings, and requiring NRLP to provide public notice of its pending application. That Order set this matter for hearing on October 24, 2017, for the purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses, and provided that the hearing would resume on January 9, 2018, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony.

On October 24, 2017, at the Watauga County Courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, the Commission held a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment in this proceeding. No public witnesses appeared at the hearing.

On December 13, 2017, the Commission issued an Order that, among other things, extended the deadline for NRLP to file its rebuttal testimony to January 5, 2018.

On January 5, 2018, NRLP and the Public Staff filed a joint motion, requesting that the Commission amend the procedural schedule in this proceeding by allowing them until January 17, 2018, to file a settlement agreement and supporting testimony, and allowing NRLP to file rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before January 19, 2018.

On January 8, 2018, the Commission issued an Order postponing the hearing scheduled for January 9, 2018 pending further order of the Commission, and allowing NRLP to file rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before January 19, 2018.

On January 19, 2018, NRLP and the Public Staff filed a stipulation, reciting their stipulation and agreement on the issues in this case.

On January 26, 2018, NRLP and the Public Staff jointly filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse the witnesses from appearing at the hearing to be scheduled in this proceeding and accept the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses into the record. In addition, NRLP and the Public Staff separately filed supplemental testimony in support of their stipulation and agreement.

No person has sought to intervene in this proceeding, and NRLP and the Public Staff are the only parties to this proceeding. Further, the Commission has not received any public comments or consumer statements of position in this docket.

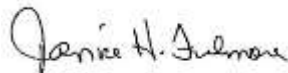
Based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, the Chairman finds that good cause exists to cancel the expert witness hearing in this proceeding, grant NRLP and the Public Staff's joint motion to excuse the appearance of all witnesses at the hearing, and accept into evidence NRLP's application and the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses. The Chairman further finds good cause to require NRLP and the Public Staff to file a joint proposed order on or before March 19, 2018.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 19th day of February, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk