

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Third-Party Independent Audits of)	ORDER GRANTING FURTHER
Affiliate Transactions Pursuant to)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Regulatory Condition No. 5.8)	

BY THE CHAIR: On September 29, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Merger Order), in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682, approving the merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Included among the Regulatory Conditions (RCs) approved in the Merger Order is RC No. 5.8. This RC requires, among other things, that a third-party independent audit be conducted regarding the affiliate transactions among Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Piedmont (collectively Duke utilities) no less than every two years.

On March 28, 2023, in response to a motion by the Duke utilities, the Commission issued an Order extending to May 31, 2023, the date for the Public Staff to begin the process of recommending an auditor. On May 31, 2023, the Duke utilities and Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting a further extension of time to June 30, 2023, for the Public Staff to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) that initiates the process of selecting an independent auditor.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to extend to June 30, 2023, the date by which the Public Staff shall issue an RFP and initiate the process of selecting an independent auditor.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of June, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk