

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54	)	
	)	
In the Matter of	)	
Application for General Rate Case	)	
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DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 55	)	ORDER GRANTING IN PART
	)	MOTION TO FILE WITNESS LISTS
	)	AT LATER DATES
In the Matter of	)	
Petition of Appalachian State University	)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power for an	)	
Accounting Order to Defer Certain Capital	)	
Costs and New Tax Expenses	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On December 22, 2022, Appalachian State University d/b/a New River Light & Power Company (NRLP) filed an application with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 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 (Application for General Rate Case).

On January 11, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates.

On February 1, 2023, the Commission granted NRLP's Motion to Consolidate Dockets and issued its Order Granting Motion to Consolidate Dockets consolidating the general rate case proceeding initiated by NRLP's Application for General Rate Case, Docket No. E-34, Sub 54, with the proceedings NRLP initiated on November 8, 2022, when it filed a Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Certain Capital-Related Costs and Tax Expenses in Docket No. E-34, Sub 55.

On March 20, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Procedural and Filing Requirements, and Requiring Customer Notice (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order, among other things, ordered that a hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on the application was scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to continue as necessary until conclusion. It also directed NRLP to file a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness

(Witness List) no later than Monday, July 3, 2023 and allowed other parties until Thursday, July 6, 2023 to make a filing indicating any disagreements they had with the Witness List.

On June 30, 2023, NRLP filed a motion to file witness lists at later dates. In its motion, NRLP stated that the Public Staff is preparing revised accounting schedules that would likely involve a revised revenue requirement recommendation from the Public Staff. Accordingly, NRLP requested until July 6, 2023 to file the Witness List and requested until July 7, 2023 for any parties that wish to do so to file a different witness list.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant an extension of time for NRLP to file a Witness List; although, in order to give the Commission and all parties sufficient time to prepare for the hearing, NRLP must file a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness no later than Wednesday, July 5, 2023, and other parties may make a filing indicating any disagreement with the Witness List on or before Thursday July 6, 2023,

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

This the 3rd day of July, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk