

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1257

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application for CPCN for 5 MW Solar) PUBLIC STAFF’S MOTION TO
Facility Located at 2720 Riverside Drive,) CANCEL PUBLIC COMMENT
Woodfin, Buncombe County, North) HEARING
Carolina 28804)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (the “Public Staff”), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and submits its Motion to Cancel Public Comment Hearing and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On July 27, 2020, Duke Energy Progress (DEP) filed an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for a 5 MW Solar Facility Located at 2720 Riverside Drive, Woodfin, Buncombe County, North Carolina 28804.

2. The Commission entered an Order on August 6, 2020 scheduling a public hearing for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Buncombe County Courthouse, Courtroom 1A, 60 Court Plaza, Asheville, North Carolina.

3. On August 14, 2020, the Commission entered an order rescheduling the public hearing to be held remotely. The Commission explained that due to the spread of the coronavirus and the restrictions on mass gatherings put in place by Governor Roy Cooper, the public comment hearing would be held remotely via

WebEx. This Order directed members of the public who wanted to testify at the public comment hearing to contact the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on or before October 5, 2020 by email at WoodfinSolarPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by contacting the Public Staff's Consumer Services Division. As of 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2020, no members of the public have contacted the Public Staff to register to speak at the public comment hearing.

4. With no members of the public contacting the Public Staff to speak at the public comment hearing, the Public Staff and DEP request the public comment hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. be cancelled. The Public Staff has contacted counsel for DEP and they have no objection to cancelling the public comment hearing.

5. A proposed order is attached to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. That the Commission grant the Public Staff's request to cancel the public comment hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

2. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 6th day of October, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion to Cancel Public Comment Hearing on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 6th day of October, 2020.

Electronically submitted
/s/ John D. Little

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	ORDER CANCELING PUBLIC
	COMMENT HEARING

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 27, 2020, Duke Energy Progress (DEP) filed an application with the Commission pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-61 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a 5 MW Solar Facility located at 2720 Riverside Drive, Woodfin, Buncombe County, North Carolina.

An Order was entered on August 6, 2020 scheduling a public comment hearing to be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Buncombe County Courthouse. On August 14, 2020, an Order rescheduling the public comment hearing was entered. This order explained that due to the spread of the coronavirus and the restrictions on mass gatherings put in place by Governor Roy Cooper, the public comment hearing would be held remotely via WebEx. Members of the public desiring to testify at the public comment hearing needed to contact the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on or before October 5, 2020 by email at WoodfinSolarPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by contacting the Public Staff's Consumer Services Division.

On October 6, 2020, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Cancel Public Comment Hearing. The Public Staff represents in its Motion that as of 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2020, no members of the public have contacted the Public Staff to register to speak at the public comment hearing. The Motion also states that the Public Staff contacted counsel for DEP and they have no objection to cancelling the public comment hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Public Staff's Motion to Cancel Public Comment Hearing is hereby granted;
2. That the Public Comment Hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. is hereby cancelled.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of _____, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk