STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 136

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost)	ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS
Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
Qualifying Facilities – 2012)	IMPLEMENT SCHEDULES

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 21, 2014, in the above captioned proceeding, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Standard Contract Rates and Contract Terms for Qualifying Facilities (Order). The Order stated that the approved rate schedules and terms and conditions would become effective 20 days after the date of filing, resulting in an effective date of March 28, 2014.

On March 13, 2014, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP), filed the rate schedules and standard contracts in conformity with the Order. DEC and DEP's filing also included a motion requesting that "the rate schedules and terms and conditions filed herein become effective four (4) days later, on April 1, 2014." DEP additionally requested that "Schedule CSP-29 become effective April 1, but DEP be allowed to begin billing for Option B on October 1, 2014." DEC and DEP stated that "the April 1, 2014 effective date eases the administrative burden associated with billing a partial calendar month by aligning the effective date with the start of a calendar month." DEP, in support of its Option B request, attached the affidavit of Steven B. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler stated that DEP began work immediately to implement Option B but that due to the scope of the project DEP was requesting an October 1, 2014 billing date. Mr. Wheeler further stated that DEP did not believe this delay would financially harm QFs and noted that an analysis of a hypothetical facility resulted in higher payments under Option A than Option B during the noted time frame. Finally DEC and DEP stated that the Public Staff has no objection to the requested date changes. No other party has requested to comment on, or objected to, DEC and DEP's requests.

The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant DEC and DEP's request that their rate schedules and terms and conditions become effective four days later, on April 1, 2014. Additionally, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant DEP's request that it be allowed to begin billing for Option B on October 1, 2014.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>31st</u> day of March, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk