

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 126

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Investigation of Integrated Resource)	ORDER AMENDING
Planning in North Carolina – Smart)	RULE R8-60.1
Grid Technology Plans)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 11, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Amending Commission Rule R8-60 and Adopting Commission Rule R8-60.1 (Order), in the above-captioned docket. The Order, among other things, adopted a new Commission Rule R8-60.1 that establishes reporting requirements for information regarding a utility's smart grid technology plan (SGT Plan). In particular, pursuant to Rule R8-60.1(b): "By July 1, 2013, and every two years thereafter, each utility subject to Commission Rule R8-60 shall file with the Commission its smart grid technology plan."

On April 10, 2013, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (collectively, the Utilities), filed a Joint Motion to Amend Rule R8-60.1 to change the due date for the initial SGT Plans from July 1, 2013, to October 1, 2014. The Utilities state, among other things, that the Rule R8-60.1(b) requirement to file their SGT Plans in odd-numbered years is not ideal because there is substantial value in using their most current full Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) analyses, which are filed in even-numbered years, to also develop their SGT Plans. Further, the Utilities state that the Public Staff and North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association do not oppose the Utilities' proposed amendment to Rule R8-60.1(b).

On April 19, 2013, the Commission issued an Order requesting comments on the proposed amendment to Rule R8-60.1(b).

On April 26, 2013, Greg Andeck, a manager employed by Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), filed a Consumer Statement of Position stating that EDF does not oppose the amendment as long as the change in the filing date for SGT Plans does not delay the Commission's consideration of efforts to establish clear data access rules.

On May 2, 2013, the Utilities filed a letter responding to Mr. Andeck's Statement of Position. The Utilities state that the change in the filing date for SGT Plans will not have an impact on smart-grid related regulatory developments or on the Commission's consideration of proposals for data access rules.

Based on the Utilities' motion, the comments received and the record in this docket, the Commission finds good cause to grant the Utilities' motion to amend Rule R8-60.1(b).

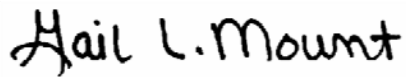
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Commission Rule R8-60.1 shall be, and is hereby amended by changing the first sentence of Rule R8-60.1(b) to read:

Smart Grid Technology Plan - By October 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter, each utility subject to Commission Rule R8-60 shall file with the Commission its smart grid technology plan.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of May, 2013.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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