

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1252

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for ) Approval of Demand-Side Management and ) Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider ) Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and ) Commission Rule R8-69 )	ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT WITNESSES, ACCEPTING TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS, AND CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS HEARING
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BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 29, 2020, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to be held on September 15, 2020. On August 7, 2020, the Commission issued a revised Scheduling Order confirming that the public witness hearing will be held in person on September 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., and rescheduling the expert witness hearing to be held remotely on Webex at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

On September 10, 2020, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), the Public Staff, and jointly North Carolina Justice Center, North Carolina Housing Coalition, and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (NCJC, *et al.*, and collectively Movants), jointly filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the September 15, 2020 expert witness hearing, and accept the expert witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants stated that they have consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of Movants' witnesses, and that no party objects to the introduction of the witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all of Movants' witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing, and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing, and to require that the parties file proposed orders on or before October 16, 2020, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs.

Finally, the Presiding Commissioner notes that after further studying the testimony and filings of all parties the Commission may determine that it has written questions to be answered by some of the witnesses. If so, a subsequent order will be issued setting forth such written questions and requiring verified written responses by a specific date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DEP's, the Public Staff's, and NCJC, *et al.*'s witnesses are excused from testifying at the expert witness hearing on September 15, 2020, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;

2. That the expert witness hearing scheduled for September 15, 2020, is hereby canceled;

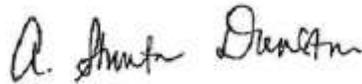
3. That on or before October 16, 2020, DEP and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, and other parties may file proposed orders by the same date if they so desire; and

4. That on or before October 16, 2020, the parties may file briefs if they so desire.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk