# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH 

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 158

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Investigation of Necessary and Appropriate Responses to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

## ORDER ACCEPTING NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF EXPANDED WINTER MORATORIUM AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 11, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont, and together with DEP and DEC, the Duke Utilities) collectively filed a letter in the above-captioned docket stating that under normal circumstances, pursuant to Commission Rules R12-11(l)(6) and R12-10(h)(6), the Duke Utilities' residential customers in North Carolina qualify for a disconnection moratorium from November 1 to March 31 if they meet all of the following requirements: (1) their household is certified by the local social service office which administers the Energy Crisis Assistance Program or other similar programs as being eligible to receive assistance under such programs (e.g., Low Income Energy Assistance Program eligible) whether those funds are available or not, (2) they are suffering financial hardship that prevents them from being able to afford their bills or a 6 -month payment arrangement, and (3) they have a household member who is handicapped or elderly ( 65 or older) or both (Winter Moratorium).

The Duke Utilities have voluntarily expanded and extended the Winter Moratorium outlined in Commission Rules R12-11 and R12-10 to nrevent annrnximatoly 111 non

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