

**BEFORE
THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1276**

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, For Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina and Performance-Based Regulation	: : : : :	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE KROGER CO. and HARRIS TEETER LLC
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Pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rule R1-19, The Kroger Co. and Harris Teeter LLC, a Division of The Kroger Co. (“Petitioners” or “Kroger and Harris Teeter”), hereby petitions to intervene and participate in the proceeding concerning the application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Applicant” or “DEC”). In support of its Petition, Kroger and Harris Teeter state as follows:

1. Name and Addresses of Petitioners:

The Kroger Co. and Harris Teeter LLC, a Division of Kroger Co.
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2. Name and Address of Attorneys/Consultants Representing Petitioners:

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Pursuant to Rule R1-39, Kroger and Harris Teeter agrees to electronic service of all pleadings and other papers in this docket.

3. **Identify the Petitioners:**

Kroger and Harris Teeter are retail electric customers of DEC. Petitioners have numerous grocery stores and other facilities that purchase their electric supply from the Applicant.

4. **Petitioners' Interest in this Proceeding:**

Kroger and Harris Teeter are corporations engaged in the business of selling groceries at retail throughout the United States. These stores purchase millions of kWh of electricity from the Applicant annually. The grocery stores operated by Kroger and Harris Teeter are high load factor facilities that use energy for food storage, lighting, heating, cooling and distribution, often on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis. If DEC's application is granted, then the cost for electric power service to Petitioners could be substantially impacted. Accordingly, Petitioners have a substantial and vital interest in the outcome of this proceeding which cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

5. Issues To Be Raised:

The primary issue the Petitioners intends to address in this case will be whether the proposed rate increase sought by DEC is reasonable and justified. We also intend to address whether the proposed allocation and design of large commercial tariffs are just and reasonable.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Petitioners request that this Petition to Intervene be granted.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2023.

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VERIFICATION

I, Kurt J. Boehm, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the attorney for The Kroger Co. and Harris Teeter LLC ("Kroger and Harris Teeter"); that he has read the foregoing Petition to Intervene and the same is true of his personal knowledge, except as to any matters and things therein stated on information and belief, and as to those, he believes them to be true; and that he is authorized to sign this verification on behalf of Kroger and Harris Teeter.



Kurt J. Boehm, Esq.
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Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of February, 2023, by Kurt J. Boehm, Esq.




Notary Public
Commission Expires:



KIMBERLY E. NONELLE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 08-28-2024

VERIFICATION

I, Jody Kyler Cohn, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the attorney for The Kroger Co. and Harris Teeter LLC ("Kroger and Harris Teeter"); that she has read the foregoing Petition to Intervene and the same is true of her personal knowledge, except as to any matters and things therein stated on information and belief, and as to those, she believes them to be true; and that she is authorized to sign this verification on behalf of Kroger and Harris Teeter.



Jody Kyler Cohn, Esq.
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Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of February, 2023 by Jody Kyler Cohn, Esq.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene of The Kroger Co. and Harris Teeter LLC in Docket No. E-7, SUB 1276 has been served by electronic mail (when available) or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties of record, or their counsel.

This the 21st day of February, 2023.

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