

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1297

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct an 850 MW Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbine Electric Generating Facility in Catawba County, North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62-82 and 62-110.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule R8-61, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (DEC), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct an 850 MW natural gas-fired combustion turbine electric generating facility in Catawba County, North Carolina (Application). In summary, DEC states that the facility will be located at the site of its existing Marshall Steam Station (Marshall) and will consist of two simple-cycle gas combustion turbine (CT) units that will be approximately 425 MW each. The DEC also states in the Application that it plans to put the two CTs units, collectively known as the Marshall Energy Complex (Facility), into service by January 1, 2029. The Application indicates that only minimal network upgrades are necessary to interconnect the replacement generation of the two units, and an interconnection request has been submitted for the incremental capacity of the Facility. The Facility will use natural gas as its fuel supply and will be capable of utilizing ultra-low sulfur diesel as a back-up fuel. The Application provides that DEC has plans, including contracts with Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for transportation of firm delivered Transco Zone 5 gas supply to meet the fuel needs of the Facility. The testimony accompanying the Application discusses DEC's need for and cost of the Facility. The total projected cost of the project was filed by DEC under seal as a confidential trade secret.

Specific information about the Application, may be obtained at the business offices of DEC or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the Application is available for review. These materials, as well as pleadings, the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all parties, the transcripts of all hearings, briefs, and proposed orders, may be viewed as they become available on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number "(E-7 Sub 1297)".

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled hearings for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on the Application as follows:

Newton: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Catawba County Courthouse  
100 Government Drive, Courtroom 10  
Newton, North Carolina 28658  
Virtual: Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.  
Held remotely via Webex

The June 6, 2024, public witness hearing shall be held remotely via Webex, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024.

To register, please complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html). A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided after the registration form is submitted. Further instructions, including the call-in number, will be provided to you by email approximately one week before the hearing. Witnesses calling from a different number than provided at registration may experience delays or other difficulties in providing their testimony. If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837.

Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024, will be allowed to testify at the June 6, 2024, remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2024.

The public witness hearings will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

A hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on DEC's Application is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-100, Sub 190, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024. If the hearing on DEC's Application has not concluded by August 9, 2024, the hearing will resume at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Second Floor, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEC's Application via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297CS, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than June 20, 2024. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 1297 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than June 20, 2024.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

Mr. Christopher J. Ayers  
Executive Director  
Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 10th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

*A. Shonta Dunston*  
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