STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North
Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard
Cost Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S.
§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67

ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES, ACCEPTING TESTIMONY, CANCELING EXPERT WITNESS HEARING, AND REQUIRING PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On September 7, 2023, the Commission issued an Amended Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on November 28, 2023. Testimony and exhibits have been filed herein for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), by witnesses George E. Hitch, Justin A. Woolridge, and Jessica N. Chargois; and by Notice of Affidavit and Affidavits of Jay B. Lucas and Darrus K. Cofield of the Public Staff. No other party filed testimony or an affidavit.

Petitions to intervene were filed by Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates (CIGFUR) and Carolina Utility Customers Association (CUCA). Both petitions were granted by the Commission.

On November 17, 2023, DENC and the Public Staff (Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the November 28, 2023 hearing, accept the expert witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record, and cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing. Movants state that DENC and the Public Staff have reached agreement on all issues, and each agrees to waive cross-examination of the other party's witnesses. Movants further state that they have consulted with all parties to this docket, and that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses and do not object to the motion.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all expert witnesses from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 28, 2023, and to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits into the record, and to cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing.

The public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on November 28, 2023, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that DENC and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 28, 2023, and briefs by the same date, if they desire to file briefs. CIGFUR and CUCA may also file proposed orders and briefs by December 28, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the Movants' expert witnesses are excused from appearing and testifying at the hearing on November 28, 2023, their testimony and exhibits are hereby accepted into evidence, and the expert witness hearing is canceled;
- 2. That the public witness hearing will be held as scheduled on November 28, 2023, and the record will remain open pending the public witness hearing; and
- 3. That on or before December 28, 2023, DENC and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders or a joint proposed order, and CIGFUR and CUCA may file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to file briefs or proposed orders.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk