STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of 2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans by Duke Energy Carolinas and by Duke Energy Progress

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON ALL-SOURCE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 24, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Technical Conference and Denying Motion for Evidentiary Hearing (Technical Conference Order), in the above-captioned docket. The Technical Conference Order, among other things, scheduled a technical conference for September 30 and October 1, 2021, identified three main topics to be discussed, designated several parties as presenters of information on the topics, and required other parties who desired to be presenters to file a motion on or before September 8, 2021, requesting to be a presenter. By Order issued on September 15, 2021, the Commission changed the technical conference from an in-person conference to a remotely held conference.

The Technical Conference Order designated Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (CCEBA), as a presenter on the first and third topics. On September 17, 2021, CCEBA filed a motion requesting that the Commission allow CCEBA to be a presenter on the second topic, the potential use of an all-source procurement process (Issue Two). In summary, CCEBA stated that CCEBA, having been identified as a presenter on two topics interpreted the September 8, 2021 deadline to apply to intervenors who had not been designated as a presenter on any topic. Thus, CCEBA had planned to present on Issue Two by sharing time with other presenters. However, CCEBA stated that after discussions with other stakeholders and out of an abundance of caution CCEBA now reads the Technical Conference Order as perhaps requiring it to move by September 8, 2021, for the right to be a presenter on Issue Two.

CCEBA further stated that the perspective of independent power producers would be a valuable perspective for the Commission to consider on Issue Two and, therefore, it requests to be a presenter by the participation of Steven Levitas. According to CCEBA, Mr. Levitas is a board member of CCEBA, Senior Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs at Pine Gate Renewables, co-chaired Governor Cooper's NERP Subcommittee on Competitive Procurement, and has testified before the South Carolina Public Service Commission and provided comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission on competitive procurement program design. Further, CCEBA stated that Mr. Levitas will provide CCEBA's perspective on key considerations in the design of all-source procurement programs, that CCEBA anticipates no more than a half-hour presentation by Mr. Levitas, and that he will work with other presenters to fit his presentation into the time allotted under the Technical Conference Order. Finally, CCEBA stated that it consulted with counsel for the Attorney General's Office, the Public Staff, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, National Resources Defense Council, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Sierra Club and NC WARN, and that all counsel indicated they have no objection to CCEBA's motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant CCEBA's request to be a presenter on Issue Two.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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