

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 101
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Petition for Approval of Revisions to) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Generator Interconnection Standards)

BY THE CHAIR: On May 12, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Granting Waivers to Implement Energy Storage System Expedited Study Processes and Approving Process to Establish Eligibility of Avoided Cost Rates for Retrofit Energy Storage Systems in the above captioned dockets. Among other things the order outlined the procedure for an Interconnection Customer that seeks to retrofit an operating Qualifying Facility (QF) with an energy storage system (ESS Retrofit) to establish eligibility for an avoided cost rate or methodology applicable to the added storage. The procedure for establishing eligibility for avoided cost rates for the ESS Retrofit was limited to QFs that had established a legally enforceable obligation (LEO) prior to November 15, 2016. The order directed Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, jointly with DEC, Duke), to file by March 1, 2023, a report on the total number of ESS Retrofit Notice of Commitment (NOC) forms submitted up to that date, and the status of those projects. The order further provided that within 60 days of the report, any party could request the Commission to consider whether the process to establish eligibility for an avoided cost rate or methodology applicable for the ESS Retrofit should be expanded to include QFs with a LEO established after November 15, 2016, and whether standard rates for ESS Retrofits should be available for ESS Retrofits that submit NOC forms after November 1, 2023.

On February 21, 2022, Duke filed a Motion for Extension of Time. In its motion, Duke states that as of that date it had not received any ESS Retrofit NOC forms and therefore, Duke anticipates there would be no information to include in the March 1, 2023 report on ESS Retrofits. Duke requests until July 31, 2023, to file its report. This will allow Duke to file its report after the 2023 definitive interconnection system impact study (DISIS) request window closes on June 29, 2023. Duke's motion further states that the Public Staff supports Duke's request, and no other party to the docket has indicated objection to the request.

Based on the motion, the Chair finds good cause to grant the request. Duke shall file on or before July 31, 2023, a report on the total number of ESS Retrofit NOC forms that have been submitted by that date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that by July 31, 2023, Duke shall file a report on the total number of ESS Retrofit NOC forms that have been submitted and the status of those projects. Within 60 days of that report, any party may file a request to the Commission to consider whether the ESS Retrofit process should be expanded to include QFs with a LEO established after November 15, 2016, and whether standard rates for ESS Retrofits should be available for ESS Retrofits that submit NOC forms after November 1, 2023.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of February, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk