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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 163

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Investigation Regarding the Ability of North Carolina's Electricity, Natural Gas, and Water/Wastewater Systems to Operate Reliably During Extreme Cold Weather	)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

BY THE CHAIR: On January 26, 2022, the Commission initiated this docket to investigate whether North Carolina's major electricity, natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities have taken appropriate steps to assure reliable operations during extreme cold weather events. This investigation was prompted by the outages and rolling blackouts that occurred in Texas and other parts of the country in February of 2021 due to Winter Storm Uri.

On May 12, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Comments to address the question of whether the Commission's rules require revision in order to ensure reliable utility operations during extreme cold weather. The order directed parties to file comments on or before June 29, 2022 and reply comments on or before July 27, 2022.

On June 29, 2022, Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC); Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, Duke); Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont); Public Service Company of NC, Inc. (PSNC); Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier); Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua); Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (Carolina Water), and the Public Staff filed responses in the above captioned docket

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