

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and)	
Charges Applicable to Electric Utility)	ORDER ACCEPTING
Service in North Carolina)	AMENDMENT TO
)	SETTLEMENT
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219)	AGREEMENTS
)	
In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Progress,)	
LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and)	
Charges Applicable to Electric Utility)	
Service in North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 31, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket Nos. E-7, Subs 1214, 1213, and 1187 (DEC Rate Order). The DEC Rate Order included the Commission's acceptance of a Stipulation of Settlement (DEC Stipulation), among Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, the North Carolina Justice Center, the North Carolina Housing Coalition, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (collectively NCJC et al.). Similarly, on April 16, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket Nos. E-2, Subs 1219 and 1183 (DEP Rate Order). The DEP Rate Order included the Commission's approval of a Stipulation of Settlement (DEP Stipulation), among Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and NCJC et al. The DEC and DEP Stipulations included, among other agreements, a stipulation that DEC, DEP and NCJC, et al. (collectively Stipulating Parties), would collaborate to develop a tariffed on-bill (TOB) pilot program to assist residential customers in North Carolina with financing energy efficiency improvements for their homes.

On September 19, 2022, DEC and DEP (collectively Duke) filed a joint motion requesting approval to amend the DEC and DEP Stipulations. In summary, Duke stated that in April 2021, the Stipulating Parties organized the TOB Working Group, and it commenced working to develop a residential retrofit TOB pilot for existing single-family homes (Retrofit Program). Duke stated that during this time, as costs were evaluated and opportunities were identified, Duke also proposed developing a multi-family new construction TOB pilot program for multi-family project developers (MFNC Pilot). The

MFNC Pilot would be within the limitation of the 700–1000 participant threshold for the DEC and DEP service territories combined, as established by the DEC and DEP Stipulations. Duke further stated that as the work of the TOB Working Group progressed, Duke became concerned that it might not be feasible to offer the MFNC Pilot in both the DEC and the DEP service territories because builders had informed Duke that they would only be interested in a TOB program if it included all units in a new project. Based on the average size of the builders' projects, the MFNC pilot would be limited to a handful of projects, and the maximum number of customers would be reached quickly in one service territory alone. As a result, Duke determined that the costs of operating a separate MFNC Pilot in each service territory would exceed the likely benefits. Duke discussed this concern with the members of the TOB Working Group, and all parties agreed to offer the MFNC Pilot in only DEP's service territory. Accordingly, the Stipulating Parties propose to add the following amendment to the DEC and DEP Stipulations:

The Stipulating Parties agree that, taking in account operational considerations that limit the number of MFNC projects necessary to meet the participation requirements agreed upon in the Settlement Agreement, the Companies may choose to offer the MFNC pilot in either the DEC North Carolina service territory or the DEP North Carolina service territory, instead of in both, and that either DEC or DEP, as applicable, may file for approval of the pilot in its respective service territory. The Companies will request approval in both DEC and DEP service territories for the Retrofit program.

Duke stated that this amendment would not adversely impact any of the Stipulating Parties and that a three-year MFNC Pilot in DEP's service territory should yield helpful information for a subsequent program in DEC's service territory. Moreover, Duke maintained that the proposed amendment will not alter or modify any of the other terms, conditions, or provisions of the DEC or DEP Stipulations or impact any of the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions.

On September 30, 2022, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1279, DEC filed an application for approval of its proposed TOB Retrofit Program, and DEP filed a similar application in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1309.

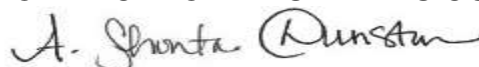
Based on the foregoing and the record in these proceedings, the Commission concludes that there is good cause to accept the above amendment to the DEC and DEP Stipulations.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of November, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk