## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 2024 Solar Procurement Pursuant to Initial Carbon Plan

ORDER SCHEDULING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

BY THE CHAIR: On December 30, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning (Initial Carbon Plan) in Commission Docket No. E-100, Sub 179 that in pertinent part directed Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC; together with DEP, Duke), to target the procurement of 2,350 MW of new solar generation resources during the 2023-2024 period.

On February 8, 2024, the Commission opened these dockets for the purpose of considering Duke's 2024 Solar Procurement Program proposal and receiving the input of interested parties.

On March 22, 2024, the Commission issued a scheduling order that requires Duke to file its 2024 Solar Procurement Program proposal by April 12, 2024, allows interested persons to intervene and file comments on Duke's proposal by May 3, 2024, and allows Duke to file reply comments by May 17, 2024.

Having determined that it will aid the Commission in understanding the perspectives of the parties, the Chair finds good cause to schedule a technical conference on the matter of the 2024 Solar Procurement Program for the purpose of receiving oral presentations from the parties with an opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions. In the oral presentations, the Commission directs the parties to present (1) information regarding the terminations of purchase power agreements (PPAs) in the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program and Solar Procurements and the winning bids' failure to execute PPAs; and (3) information about ways to reduce the likelihood of projects withdrawing after being awarded a winning bid or executing a contract (PPA or asset acquisition).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a technical conference shall be held and is hereby scheduled to begin immediately following the technical conference in Docket No. E-100, Sub 190, which is

scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina;

2. That parties shall file with the Commission a list of individuals who will appear at the technical conference, as well as any presentation materials on or before Monday, June 10, 2024;

3. That parties to this proceeding and interested members of the public may attend the technical conference but participation in the technical conference will be limited to intervenors while presenting and to the members of the Commission; and

4. That each party shall be limited to a presentation of 30 minutes not including Commissioner questions.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk