

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,
for Approval of PowerPairSM Solar and
Battery Installation Pilot Program Pursuant
to Order of the North Carolina Utilities
Commission

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,
for Approval of PowerPairSM Solar and
Battery Installation Pilot Program Pursuant
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Commission

ORDER REQUESTING
COMMENTS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On March 23, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Declining to Approve Proposed Smart \$aver Solar Program and Requiring Development of Pilot Program (Smart \$aver Order), in the above-captioned dockets. In summary, the Smart \$aver Order denied the applications of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, collectively Duke), for approval of their Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program and required DEP and DEC to file a proposed pilot program pairing solar generation with energy storage.

On June 21, 2023, DEP and DEC filed their proposed PowerPairSM Solar and Battery Installation Program (Power Pair Program), requesting that it be effective no earlier than 120 days following Commission approval. Duke stated that the pilot program was being filed in compliance with the Commission's Smart \$aver Order. Duke further stated that the pilot program would evaluate the operational impacts to the electric system of behind the meter residential solar plus energy storage, the cost-effectiveness of those impacts, and the role of residential solar plus storage in meeting applicable carbon reduction requirements, which Duke described as requirements to ensure that both participants and non-participants benefit from making energy efficiency measures affordable.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to request comments and reply comments from interested parties regarding Duke's proposed Power Pair Program.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That on or before August 7, 2023, the Public Staff and intervenors may file initial comments regarding Duke's proposed Power Pair Program; and
2. That on or before August 28, 2023, all parties may file reply comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of June, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk