

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1246

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC for Approval of Renewable Energy)	
and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)	ORDER EXCUSING CERTAIN
(REPS) Compliance Report and Cost)	WITNESSES FROM TESTIFYING
Recovery Rider Pursuant to North)	AT EXPERT WITNESS HEARING
Carolina General Statute § 62-133.8)	
and Commission Rule R8-67)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 23, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed testimony and exhibits of Megan W. Jennings, and Veronica I. Williams in the above-captioned docket seeking approval of DEC's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) cost recovery rider and 2020 REPS Compliance Report pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8.

On March 18, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in this docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held via remote means on June 1, 2021.

On May 5, 2021, DEC filed Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of DEC witnesses Jennings and Williams.

On May 10, 2021, the Public Staff filed an affidavit of Charles A. Akpom and testimony of Jay B. Lucas.

On May 24, 2021, DEC and the Public Staff filed a joint motion requesting that DEC witness Jennings and Public Staff witness Akpom be excused from testifying at the June 1 Expert Witness Hearing in this matter and that the prefiled testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Counsel for DEC states that he has consulted with counsel for all parties to the docket, and all parties agree to waive cross-examination of DEC witness Jennings and Public Staff witness Akpom and offer no objection to the introduction of their testimony and exhibits into the record.

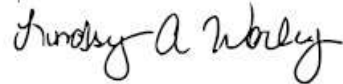
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that DEC witness Jennings and Public Staff witness Akpom are hereby excused from attending the expert witness hearing on June 1, 2021, and that their prefiled testimony and exhibits will be admitted into evidence at the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of May, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey A. Worley".

Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk