

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1285

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, ) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING,  
for Approval of Demand-Side Management ) REQUIRING FILING OF TESTIMONY,  
and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider ) ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY  
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and ) GUIDELINES AND REQUIRING  
Commission Rule R8-69 ) PUBLIC NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: In August 2007, North Carolina enacted comprehensive energy legislation, Session Law 2007-397 (Senate Bill 3), that, among other things, established a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard for this State and a revised procedure for cost recovery of demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) expenditures. North Carolina General Statute Section 62-133.9(d) provides for an annual DSM/EE rider for each electric public utility to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Commission Rule R8-69(b) also provides for the establishment of a DSM/EE experience modification factor (EMF) rider to allow the electric public utility to collect the difference between reasonable and prudently incurred costs and the revenues that were actually realized during the test period under the DSM/EE rider then in effect. Rule R8-69(e) further provides that the annual DSM/EE cost recovery rider hearing for each electric public utility will be scheduled as soon as practicable after the annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding hearing held by the Commission for the electric public utility under Rule R8-55 and that each electric public utility shall file direct testimony and exhibits at the same time that it files the information required by Rule R8-55. Rule R8-69(f) provides that each electric public utility shall publish notice at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

On February 28, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Rule R8-69. By its application, DEC requests a DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2024.

The Commission is of the opinion that good cause exists to schedule a hearing on the application. The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition which a party desires to take shall be taken before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervenor testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least 7 days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of

deposition and all other discovery notices, requests and motions shall be served on the appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile, or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the evidentiary hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony, shall be served on the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena within 2 business days after such motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the application and DEC's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on DEC no later than 14 calendar days prior to the filing of Public Staff and other intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to 10 calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 10 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and other intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests related to the prefiled direct testimony of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served no later than 5 calendar days after the filing of that party's testimony. The party served shall have up to 3 business days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 9 calendar days after the filing of that party's testimony.

5. Formal discovery requests related to the prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on DEC no later than 3 business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to 3 calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than 3 business days after the rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery from the DEC.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of an objection, the party seeking discovery shall have 2 calendar days to file with the Commission a motion to compel, and the party objecting to discovery shall have 1 calendar day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery because of that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission recognizes that in the past most discovery has been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

Further, the Commission finds good cause to require DEC and all other parties who file exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations to provide the Commission Staff, the Public Staff, and any other party upon request from such party an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-7, Subs 1281, 1282 and 1283, which are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the annual DSM/EE cost recovery proceeding for DEC;

2. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Tuesday, May 9, 2023;

3. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Tuesday, May 9, 2023;

4. That DEC may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Thursday, May 18, 2023;

5. That all parties filing supporting exhibits in either PDF or Excel format shall provide the Commission Staff electronic versions of the exhibits filed in native Excel format via email at NCUCexhibits@ncuc.net, including all of the supporting tabs and formulas, within three days of the filing of such exhibits (or within three business days of the issuance of this order if already filed with the Commission); and that DEC and all other parties filing exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Public Staff and any other party upon request an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact;

6. That DEC shall publish the Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 45 days prior to the hearing;

7. That DEC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing; and

8. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of March, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and        )  
Commission Rule R8-69                                )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing will be held immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-7, Subs 1281, 1282 and 1283, which are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69, and for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DEC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives.

On February 28, 2023, DEC filed its application and testimony for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Rule R8-69. By its application, DEC requests a total annual revenue requirement of approximately \$169.5 million for inclusion in the DSM/EE rider authorized by the statute and Commission Rule. The proposed DSM/EE cost recovery rider would be effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2024. The request, including the regulatory fee, would result in an increase of 0.0428 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers, and thus an increase of about \$0.43 in the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity. The effect of the request on current non-residential customers would depend upon each customer's particular participation in DEC's DSM or EE programs over the years. The rates of non-residential customers who have participated in all of DEC's DSM and EE programs since 2009 would decrease by 0.1879 cents per kWh. Non-residential customers participating in DEC's DSM programs beginning in 2024 would pay DSM/EE rider charges of 0.0897 cents per kWh, and non-residential customers participating in DEC's EE programs beginning in 2024 would pay DSM/EE rider charges of 0.3869 cents per kWh. Non-residential customers may obtain detailed information about the rider increases or decreases applicable to their particular circumstances by contacting their

DEC account representatives directly or DEC's Customer Service number at 1-800-777-9898. Industrial and large commercial customers that have opted out of and never participated in DEC's DSM and EE programs pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 are not subject to the DSM/EE rider.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DEC's application and testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at <http://www.ncuc.gov/>.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

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This the 16th day of March, 2023.

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A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk