

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1197
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1195

In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for) ORDER REQUESTING
Approval of Proposed Electric) COMMENTS
Transportation Pilot)

BY THE CHAIR: On November 24, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Approving Electric Transportation Pilot Programs, In Part (ET Pilot Order), in the above-captioned dockets. In summary, the ET Pilot Order approved in part the joint application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, collectively, Duke), to establish seven pilot programs to obtain additional information about electric transportation (ET) and electric vehicles (EVs). The Commission approved several modified ET pilot programs, declined to approve several others, and directed Duke and the parties to engage in stakeholder collaborative discussions about the structure and implementation of the approved programs. In addition, the Commission stated several attributes for Duke to consider and incorporate in the pilot programs, including the following:

Make-ready Approach: Duke should leverage familiarity with permitting requirements, the interconnection process, and the design, operations, and maintenance of the distribution system to efficiently identify and develop appropriate preparations for EV infrastructure.

ET Pilot Order, at 21.

On April 30, 2021, Duke filed a request for approval of proposed Make Ready Credit (MRC) programs for DEC and DEP. According to Duke, the programs would defray the cost of make ready infrastructure installed by customers to create the foundation necessary for EV programs and pilots, and would support the Commission's ET Pilot Order, the Governor's Executive Order 80, North Carolina's Clean Energy Plan, safety and reliability in the installation of ET infrastructure on customers' premises, ET for low to moderate income customers, and a framework to proactively manage DEC's and DEP's grids so that they can address system upgrades that are necessary for wide scale ET adoption. Moreover, Duke stated that it developed and shared the MRC proposal with the ET stakeholder group during meetings on March 22, 2021, and April 15, 2021. Further, Duke stated that the MRC programs would not be pilot programs but, rather, are proposed for full commercialization.

Duke described in detail the MRC programs that it proposes to offer residential and commercial customers whereby the customers would receive bill credits in anticipation of their expenditures on EV infrastructure, with the total of the credits generally being equal to the estimated incremental usage of the customer resulting from charging its EV(s) over a three to five year period. Duke stated that the MRC would include the cost of customer investments in the safe and reliable installation of wiring and other upgrades that support EV charging, but would not include the cost of the charging station itself. Finally, Duke attached proposed MRC tariffs.

Based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Chair finds good cause to request comments and reply comments from the parties.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That on or before Thursday, July 8, 2021, the parties may file comments on Duke's proposed MRC programs; and
2. That on or before Thursday, July 22, 2021, the parties may file reply comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of May, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk