

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213)

In the Matter of)
Application for Approval of Proposed)
Prepaid Advantage Program)

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214)

In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)
North Carolina)

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187)

In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
for an Accounting Order to Defer)
Incremental Storm Damage Expenses)
Incurred as a Result of Hurricanes Florence)
and Michael and Winter Storm Diego)

**PUBLIC STAFF'S
AMENDED MOTION TO
EXCUSE PUBLIC STAFF
WITNESS DUSTIN R. METZ**

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF - North Carolina Utilities Commission
by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that Public
Staff witness Dustin R. Metz be excused from attending the evidentiary hearing for
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214.

In support of this Motion, the Public Staff states as follows:

1. On August 31, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling
Expert Witness Hearing to begin on September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

2. By a previous Order entered, August 13, 2020, Public Staff witness Metz was excused from attending the DEC specific hearing.

3. Subsequent to the Commission's September 4, 2020 Order Granting Public Staff's Motion to Conduct Discovery and File Testimony, and Allowing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to File Rebuttal Testimony. the Public Staff, on September 8, 2020, filed the Second Supplemental Testimony of Dustin R. Metz in Docket No. E-7 Sub 1214

4. The Public Staff has consulted with all parties in this matter regarding cross-examination of Public Staff witness Dustin R. Metz regarding his Second Supplemental Testimony. No party has indicated that they plan to cross-examine Mr. Metz.

5. The Public Staff contacted all parties and inquired if they objected to waiving cross-examination of Mr. Metz and introducing his testimony into the record. All parties responded that they do not object to waiving cross-examination of Mr. Metz and introducing his testimony into the record.

6. The Public Staff therefore moves that Public Staff witness Metz be excused from attending the DEC specific evidentiary hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214 and that his Second Supplemental Testimony be admitted into evidence.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Excuse Public Staff witness Metz from attending the evidentiary hearing for Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214;

2. Accept Public Staff's witness Metz's pre-filed Second Supplemental Testimony of Public Staff into evidence.

Respectfully submitted, this the 11th day of September, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Public Staff's Amended Motion to Excuse Public Staff Witness Dustin R. Metz was served electronically or by depositing a copy in United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to the parties of record.

This the 11th day of September, 2020.

Electronically submitted
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