

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1169
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1168

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of | | |
| Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, |) | ORDER GRANTING MOTION |
| and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, |) | FOR LEAVE TO FILE ADDITIONAL |
| Requesting Approval of Community Solar |) | REPLY COMMENTS |
| Program Plan Pursuant to G.S. 62-126.8 |) | |

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On January 23, 2018, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (collectively, Duke), jointly filed a petition for approval of their proposed Community Solar Program Plan. On January 26, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Proceeding to Review Proposed Community Solar Program. That Order, among other things, requested that parties to this proceeding file initial and reply comments on or before March 23, 2018, and April 13, 2018, respectively.

On March 19, 2018, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting a three-week extension of time to file initial and reply comments. The Commission granted that request by Order dated March 20, 2018.

On April 13, 2018, the Public Staff and other parties filed initial comments.

On May 2, 2018, Duke filed a motion requesting an additional four-week extension of time to file reply comments. The Commission granted that request by Order dated May 3, 2018, setting the due date for reply comments as June 4, 2018.

On June 4, 2018, Duke filed reply comments. Also on June 4, 2018, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting leave for all parties to file an additional round of reply comments. In support of its motion, the Public Staff states that a number of the issues raised by the parties' initial comments have been resolved, but that the parties had not had an opportunity to review or respond to Duke's revised Community Solar Program Plan, as proposed by Duke's reply comments. The Public Staff requests that it and other intervening parties be granted the opportunity to file additional reply comments on or before June 11, 2018, and, at Duke's request, that Duke be granted the opportunity to respond to parties' additional reply comments on or before June 25, 2018. In further support of its request, the Public Staff states that the parties to this proceeding neither object to the request for additional rounds of comments nor to the Public Staff's proposed timeline.

Based on the Public Staff's motion and the record herein, the Chairman finds that Duke's reply comments contain a number of substantive changes to the procedure and structure of Duke's Community Solar Program Plan as compared to its initial program proposal filed on January 23, 2018. Due to the timing of Duke's reply comments, which were filed on the due date set by the Commission for all parties to file reply comments, the Public Staff and other intervening parties have not yet had a meaningful opportunity to respond to Duke's proposed revisions to its Community Solar Program Plan. Accordingly, the Chairman finds that it would be helpful to the Commission's review and decision in this proceeding for the Public Staff and other intervening parties to be allowed the opportunity to file additional reply comments. In fairness to Duke, the Chairman also finds it appropriate to allow Duke the opportunity to respond to any such additional reply comments. Therefore, for the reasons set forth herein, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the Public Staff's motion requesting leave for it and other intervening parties to file additional reply comments on or before June 11, 2018, and for Duke to respond to any such additional reply comments on or before June 25, 2018.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 5th day of June, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk