

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Applications by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	
Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Public Service)	ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING
Company of North Carolina, Inc., and Piedmont)	FINAL REPORT AND
Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Adjustment of)	REQUIRING BRIEFING
Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility)	
Service in North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 31, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. E-7, Subs 1214, 1213, and 1187 (DEC Rate Order). On April 16, 2021, the Commission similarly issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. E-2, Subs 1219 and 1193 (DEP Rate Order). In the DEC and DEP Rate Orders, among other things, the Commission concluded that it was appropriate for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, collectively, the Companies) to convene a stakeholder process tasked with addressing affordability issues for low-income residential customers (Affordability Collaborative), with a timeline for the process, including deadlines for quarterly progress reports thereafter to be filed with the Commission.

On January 6 and 21, 2022, the Commission issued orders in Docket Nos. G-9, Subs 722 and 781, and G-5, Subs 632 and 634, which among other things approved the participation of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), respectively, in the Affordability Collaborative being conducted pursuant to the DEC and DEP Rate Orders.

On August 12, 2022, the Companies and the Public Staff filed their joint Final Report and Recommendations of the North Carolina Low-Income Affordability Collaborative (Final Report).

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Commission concludes that good cause exists to acknowledge the filing of the Final Report. The Commission also recognizes and appreciates all parties' efforts in participating and collaborating in the Affordability Collaborative. To further its understanding of the progress made in the Collaborative and the Final Report, the Commission desires a briefing by the co-leaders of the four subteams and by a representative, or representatives, of the Companies on Monday, October 24, 2022, directly following the Commission's regularly scheduled Staff Conference. If no Staff Conference is held that day, the briefing will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The limited purpose of the briefing is to allow the subteam co-leaders to update the Commission on the work of the Collaborative since the briefing given to the Commission in February 2022, to discuss the Collaborative's challenges and successes and the Final Report's conclusions and recommendations, and to allow Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions. Each subteam will be allowed ten minutes for its presentation, with an additional ten minutes allowed for a summary and discussion of the Report's ultimate conclusions and recommendations, and it is anticipated that the total briefing will not exceed one hour.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that DEC and DEP, together with the co-leaders of the Affordability Collaborative's four subteams, are directed to present a briefing to the Commission on the work of the Collaborative and the Final Report on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., or directly following Staff Conference.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of September, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk