

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1159
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1156

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	ORDER ALLOWING
LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY
for Approval of Competitive Procurement)	COMMENTS
of Renewable Energy Program)	

BY THE CHAIR: On June 2, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Update (June 2, 2021 Order), soliciting comments on the following topics: (1) the most current status of the Transition MW, (2) the need for and appropriate timing of a CPRE Tranche 3, and (3) the parties' positions on statutory interpretation regarding what must be completed within the 45-month term and what actions the Commission may properly take beyond the 45-month timeframe to ensure that the final procurement target is met.

On June 15, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively Duke) jointly filed initial comments. Also on June 5, 2021, the Public Staff and the Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (CCEBA) filed initial comments.

On June 30, 2021, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE), the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), CCEBA, the Public Staff, and Duke filed reply comments.

On July 9, 2021, Duke filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Reply Comments so as to reply to what it asserts are new legal arguments raised by NCSEA and SACE in their June 30, 2021 reply comments. Duke argues that NCSEA's June 30, 2021 reply comments contain "certain factual inaccuracies" regarding Duke's "future IRP need." With regard to both of these issues, Duke contends that they should have been raised via the initial comment period and that raising these issues in reply comments creates "substantial equitable and fairness concerns" to its detriment. Duke further contends that, "without a fair opportunity to respond to these new legal arguments and factual assertions raised by NCSEA and SACE[,] it will be prejudiced. Finally, Duke argues that "the Commission will also be prejudiced in that it will be forced to evaluate the need for and appropriate timing of a CPRE Tranche 3 without the Companies' response to these new comments raised for the first time through reply comments."

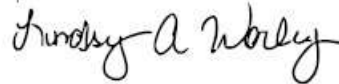
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to allow any interested party to file supplemental reply comments solely responding to issues raised by NCSEA and SACE in their June 30, 2021 reply comments. Parties shall file their supplemental reply comments on or before Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey A. Worley".

Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk