

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

<p>In the Matter of Comprehensive, Third-Party, Independent Audits of Transactions, Services, and other Affiliate Dealings Pursuant to Regulated Utility-to-Regulated Utility Service Agreements and other Utility to Utility Service Agreements</p>	<p>) JOINT MOTION BY DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC, DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC, PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., AND THE PUBLIC STAFF FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME</p>
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NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers (the Public Staff), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) (collectively, the Companies) and jointly respectfully request the Commission to extend the time to propose an auditor in the above-captioned docket to and including December 9, 2019. In support of this motion, the Public Staff and the Companies shows a follows:

1. Regulatory Condition No. 5.8(a) provides that no less often than every two years, a third-party independent audit shall be conducted related to the affiliate transactions undertaken pursuant to Affiliate agreements filed in accordance with all conditions approved by the Commission concerning affiliate transactions, including the propriety of the transfer pricing of goods and services between DEC, DEP, Piedmont, other Affiliates, and all other Nonpublic Utility

Operations. Regulatory Condition 5.8(a) provides that the first audit shall begin two years from the date of the close of the merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont (the Merger). The Merger closed October 3, 2016.

2. On October 3, 2018, the Public Staff and the Companies jointly requested an additional six months to recommend an auditor. The Commission granted that motion on October 4, 2018. On March 27, 2019, the Companies and Public Staff jointly requested an additional four months to recommend an auditor. The Commission granted that motion on March 28, 2019.

3. Due to the press of other business, the process to select an auditor is still ongoing. In past audits, the Public Staff has prepared a formal Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes a detailed description of the scope of the audit that is reviewed by the Companies prior to issuance. After the RFP is issued, interviews of respondents will be conducted, and the Public Staff will make a recommendation of the auditor to the Commission.

4. The Public Staff has submitted the RFP to candidates and is awaiting responses. Once responses are received, the Public Staff will evaluate the responses, conduct interviews of potential auditors, and then select its choice of auditor.

5. The Companies and Public Staff jointly request an additional 100 days, not later than December 9, 2019, so that the Public Staff has sufficient time to evaluate the responses to the RFP, conduct interviews of potential auditors, and then select its choice of auditor

THEREFORE, the Public Staff and the Companies respectfully request that the Commission grant the Public Staff an extension of time until the close of business on December 9, 2019, to submit the recommendation to the Commission of an auditor to conduct the third-party independent audit related to the affiliate transactions.

Respectfully submitted this the 31st day of July, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing MOTION on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 31st day of July, 2019.

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