

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1287)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC)	
for Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy)	
Efficiency Program)	ORDER GRANTING
)	EXTENSION OF TIME
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1261)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	
for Approval of Smart \$aver Solar Energy)	
Efficiency Program)	

BY THE CHAIR: On December 16, 2021, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1287, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, collectively Duke), in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1261, filed applications for approval of new energy efficiency (EE) programs, both of which are called the Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Program.

Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-68(d)(2), after an electric public utility files a request for approval or modification of a demand-side management or EE program the Public Staff and other interested parties have 30 days from the date of filing to file a protest pursuant to Rule R1-6, a petition for intervention pursuant to Rule R1-19, or comments. The electric public utility has the opportunity to respond to the petitions for intervention, protests and comments within 10 days.

On January 12, 2022, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the time for filing protests, interventions, and comments with respect to Duke's proposed EE programs to March 1, 2022. In support of its motion, the Public Staff stated, among other things, that it has been working diligently reviewing the applications and preparing a comprehensive data request, which it plans to send to Duke by the end of the week. The Public Staff stated that it expects it will take Duke several weeks to prepare and submit responses, for the Public Staff to review the responses, and for the Public Staff to hold a conference call and prepare any necessary follow-up data requests. Finally, the Public Staff stated that it was authorized to state that the other parties to this proceeding, Duke and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, have no objection to the requested extension of time.

Based on the Public Staff's motion and the record in these dockets, the Chair finds good cause to grant the requested extension of time for the Public Staff and other interested parties.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the date for the Public Staff and other interested parties to file a protest, petition for intervention or comments in these dockets regarding DEP's and DEC's applications for approval of their Smart \$aver Solar Energy Efficiency Programs shall be, and is hereby, extended to March 1, 2022.

2. That DEP and DEC shall have the right to respond to all such petitions for intervention, protests, and comments within 10 days of each such filing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of January, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk