

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1250

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING,
LLC, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)	REQUIRING FILING OF
and Commission Rule R8-55 Relating)	TESTIMONY, ESTABLISHING
to Fuel and Fuel-Related Charge)	DISCOVERY GUIDELINES AND
Adjustments for Electric Utilities)	REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: North Carolina General Statute Section 62-133.2 provides for annual fuel charge adjustment proceedings for electric utilities engaged in the generation or production of electricity by fossil or nuclear fuels. Commission Rule R8-55 provides that the fuel charge adjustment proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or Applicant), will be held the first Tuesday of June each year and that DEC shall file its direct testimony and exhibits and shall publish notice prior to the hearing.

On February 23, 2021, DEC filed its application in the above-captioned docket. The Commission is of the opinion that good cause exists to schedule a hearing on the application.

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition which a party desires to take shall be taken before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of deposition and all other discovery notices, requests and motions shall be served on the appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile, or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the evidentiary hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony, shall be served by hand delivery or facsimile to the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena 24 hours after such motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the application and the Applicant's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than fourteen days prior

to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to ten calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than ten days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served not later than three days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than five days after that party's testimony was filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to the Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than two days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to two calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than three days after the rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery from the Applicant.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two days to file a motion to compel with the Commission, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery because of that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission recognizes that in the past most discovery has been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for the purpose of considering the annual fuel charge adjustment proceeding for DEC. The hearing will be held remotely on Webex and will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like

to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021, by calling the Public Staff at (919) 733-6110, or by emailing the Public Staff at DECPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-7, Sub 1250), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the hearing;

2. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Monday, May 10, 2021;

3. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Monday, May 10, 2021;

4. That DEC may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Thursday, May 20, 2021;

5. That DEC shall publish the Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 45 days prior to the hearing;

6. That DEC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing;

7. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein; and

8. That the parties participating in the expert witness portion of the remote hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

(1) On or before Monday, May 17, 2021, all parties shall file a statement consenting to hold the hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to the same;

(2) On or before Thursday, May 20, 2021, each party shall send the name, phone number, and email address of each attorney and witness that will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Commission via email at ncucwebex@ncuc.net;

(3) On or before Friday, May 21, 2021, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits and provide copies of the exhibits, labeled with the party's name and numbered sequentially, to the other parties and to the Commission via email at ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;

(4) On or before Friday, May 21, 2021, the parties shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits and provide copies of the exhibits, labeled with the party's name and numbered sequentially, to the other parties and the Commission via email at ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;

(5) On or before Friday, May 21, 2021, the parties shall provide a copy of witness testimony summaries to the other parties and the Commission via email at ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;

(6) Within two business days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and

(7) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of March, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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In the Matter of
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel) PUBLIC NOTICE
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for)
Electric Utilities)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related adjustment charge proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing will be held remotely on Webex and will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021, by calling the Public Staff at (919) 733-6110, or by emailing the Public Staff at DECPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-7, Sub 1250), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

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This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55, and for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to reflect changes in fuel and fuel-related costs over or under the base fuel rate established for DEC in its last general rate case. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On February 23, 2021, DEC filed its application and testimony relative to the fuel cost proceeding. By its application, DEC requests Commission approval for a decrease in its fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect, with the changes being effective for service rendered on or after September 1, 2021. DEC's request, excluding the regulatory fee, would result in decreases of 0.1935 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers, 0.1234 cents per kWh for commercial customers, and 0.0951 cents per kWh for industrial customers. If approved, the net effect of DEC's request would be to decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.94.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DEC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, May 10, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, May 10, 2021.

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