

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 145

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Rulemaking Proceeding to Consider)	ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS
Proposed Rule Establishing Procedures)	REGARDING PROPOSED RULE
for Settlements and Stipulated Agreements)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 14, 2016, North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network, Inc. (NC WARN) filed a Petition for Rulemaking in the above-captioned docket. In summary, NC WARN alleges that in recent significant Commission dockets it experienced unfair impediments to participating fully in negotiated settlements by the Public Staff and other parties. In support of its allegations, NC WARN attaches a summary of pertinent proceedings in four Commission dockets. Further, NC WARN attaches a proposed rule that it states is a starting point in developing "a rule to establish a settlement process that is fair and transparent."

Based on the foregoing, the Commission concludes that the Public Staff and other interested parties should be provided the opportunity to file comments and reply comments on the rule proposed by NC WARN. In addition, the Commission finds good cause to include the investor-owned electric and natural gas public utilities as parties to this docket without the need for those entities to file petitions to intervene.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

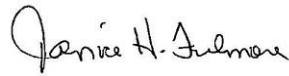
1. That Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. and Frontier Natural Gas Company, LLC, shall be, and are hereby, included as parties to this docket without the need to file petitions to intervene.
2. That the Chief Clerk of the Commission shall serve a copy of this Order on the public utilities listed in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 above.
3. That on or before September 16, 2016, other persons having an interest in this matter may file petitions to intervene.
4. That on or before September 16, 2016, all parties may file initial comments.

5. That on or before October 14, 2016, all parties may file reply comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of August, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., did not participate in the issuance of this Order.