

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 148

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost) ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from) EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
Qualifying Facilities – 2016) PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On June 22, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Biennial Proceeding, Requiring Data, and Scheduling Public Hearing (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order established the 2016 biennial proceedings held by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations implementing those provisions which delegated to the Commission certain responsibilities for determining each utility's avoided costs with respect to rates for purchases from qualifying cogenerators and small power production facilities. The Scheduling Order also made Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), Western Carolina University (WCU), and New River Light and Power Company (New River) parties to this proceeding. In addition, the Scheduling Order set out deadlines for various filings in this proceeding.

By separate orders subsequently issued in this docket, the Commission granted petitions to intervene filed by the following: the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville (FPWC), the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I, II, and III (collectively CIGFUR), the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE), Strata Solar, LLC (Strata Solar), the North Carolina Pork Council (NCPC), NTE Carolinas Solar, LLC (NTE), Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (Cypress Creek), O2 EMC, LLC (O2 EMC), and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC).

The Public Staff's intervention and participation in this proceeding is recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-15(d) and Commission Rule R1-19(e).

On November 15, 2016, DEC and DEP filed their Joint Initial Statement and Exhibits (Joint Statement). As part of their Joint Statement, DEC and DEP requested that the Commission issue a procedural order setting a date for an evidentiary hearing and a schedule for filing of testimony and exhibits by the parties. On December 22, 2016, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Amended Procedural Schedule. Similar to DEC and DEP, the Public Staff requested that the Commission issue an order establishing a new procedural schedule in this proceeding.

On December 30, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Evidentiary Hearing and Amending Procedural Schedule, granting the requests of DEC, DEP, and the Public Staff with modifications. As relevant here, the December 30 Order scheduled this matter for an evidentiary hearing on April 18, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. and provides that parties to this proceeding are requested to file proposed orders within 30 days of the filing of the transcript of the evidentiary hearing.

On April 18, 2017, this matter came on for evidentiary hearing as scheduled. The evidentiary hearing concluded on April 21, 2017, and transcripts of the hearing and a notice of due date for proposed orders and/or briefs were filed on May 15, 2017, setting June 14, 2017, as the date on which proposed orders and/or briefs are due to be filed.

On June 9, 2017, the Public Staff filed a motion for extension of time to file proposed orders, requesting that the June 14 deadline be extended by eight days, setting June 22, 2017, as the new deadline for filing of proposed orders and/or briefs in this proceeding. In support of its motion, the Public Staff states that due to the press of other business and the complexity of this proceeding additional time is needed to finish its proposed order. The Public Staff further states that it contacted counsel for all parties to this proceeding and is not aware of any objections to this motion.

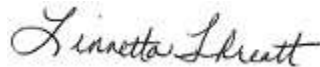
Based upon the foregoing, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the requested extension of time, allowing the parties to this proceeding until Thursday, June 22, 2017, to file their proposed orders and/or briefs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of June, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linnetta Threatt".

Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk