

**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

In the Matter of		
Comprehensive Assessment of)	ORDER GRANTING
Competitiveness of Affiliate Transactions)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Pursuant to Regulatory Condition No. 5.2)	

BY THE CHAIR: On September 29, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Merger Order), in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682, approving the merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). Included among the Regulatory Conditions (RCs) approved in the Merger Order was RC No. 5.2(b), which requires, among other things, that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Piedmont (collectively Duke utilities or Companies), perform every four years a comprehensive assessment of the market competitiveness of the costs for goods and services provided by any of the Duke utilities to affiliates, or to nonpublic utility operations.

On November 30, 2020, the Duke utilities filed a motion requesting that the date for filing the next market competitiveness study be extended to May 3, 2021. In summary, they stated that due to the Companies' focus on the independent third-party audit of affiliate transactions, which began earlier this year and remains pending before the Commission, the Companies need additional time to conduct a new market competitiveness study. Further, they stated that they intend to consult with the Public Staff on how the market study will be conducted and to gain the Public Staff's input. Finally, the Companies stated that they provided a copy of their motion to the Public Staff before filing it, and that the Public Staff had no objection to the requested extension.

Based on the Duke utilities' motion and the record, the Chair finds good cause to extend to May 3, 2021, the date on which the Duke utilities shall file their market competitiveness study.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 11th day of December, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk