

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 190

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	ORDER SCHEDULING PUBLIC
Biennial Consolidated Carbon Plan and	)	HEARINGS, ESTABLISHING
Integrated Resource Plans of Duke Energy	)	INTERVENTIONS AND
Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy	)	TESTIMONY DUE DATES AND
Progress LLC, Pursuant to N.C.G.S.	)	DISCOVERY GUIDELINES,
§ 62-110.9 and § 62-110.1(c)	)	REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE, AND
	)	PROVIDING DIRECTION
	)	REGARDING DUKE'S
	)	SUPPLEMENTAL MODELING

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: North Carolina General Statutes Section 62-110.9 (Carbon Plan Statute) directs the Commission to take all reasonable steps to achieve a seventy percent reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide in the State from electric generating facilities owned or operated by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP; collectively with DEC, Duke), from 2005 levels by the year 2030 and carbon neutrality by the year 2050 subject to certain discretionary limitations. In accordance with the Carbon Plan Statute, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning on December 30, 2022, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179 (Initial Carbon Plan). The Carbon Plan Statute directs the Commission to review the plan every two years after the adoption of the Initial Carbon Plan. The Initial Carbon Plan provided for the consolidation of the Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) processes (CPIRP, as consolidated) and required Duke to file its first proposed biennial CPIRP by no later than September 1, 2023.

On March 15, 2023, the Commission opened this docket for the purpose of hearing the 2023 CPIRP proceeding. On August 17, 2023, Duke filed a verified petition seeking the Commission's approval of its proposed 2023 CPIRP, which includes three "core portfolios," thirteen "portfolio variants," and ten "sensitivity analysis portfolios." On September 1, 2023, Duke prefiled direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses in support of its verified petition and proposed 2023 CPIRP.

On November 20, 2023, in Docket E-100, Sub 191, the Commission issued an Order adopting Commission Rule R8-60A which governs CPIRP proceedings. Material to this order, Commission Rule R8-60A(g) establishes the procedural schedule for the Commission's review of proposed CPIRPs. Particularly, Commission Rule R8-60A(g)(2) requires the Public Staff and intervenors to file testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses commenting on, critiquing, or giving alternatives to the electric public utilities' proposed CPIRP by no later than 180 days following the later of either September 1 or the filing of

the electric public utilities' CPIRP. Further, Commission Rule R8-60A(g)(3) requires Duke to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits of its expert witnesses no later than 45 days after the filing of intervenor testimony and exhibits. Finally, Commission Rule R8-60A(g)(4) provides that "[t]he Commission shall schedule an expert witness hearing to review the CPIRP proposals beginning on the second Tuesday in May following the electric public utilities' proposed CPIRP filing."

On November 30, 2023, Duke filed the Supplemental Direct Testimony of Glen A. Snider (Supplemental Testimony). Contemporaneous with the Supplemental Testimony filing, Duke filed a letter (November 30, 2023 letter) which noted that, since the preparation of Duke's proposed 2023 CPIRP, substantial and material changes arose in Duke's underlying load forecast. More particularly, Duke's proposed 2023 CPIRP, as filed on August 17, 2023, relied on a Spring 2023 load forecast (2023 Spring Load Forecast) that was finalized in the first quarter of 2023. Duke's November 30, 2023 letter noted that since that time Duke's Carolinas service territories "have experienced continued strong and unprecedented economic development that is well above the Companies' historical experience." Duke's November 30, 2023 letter advised that "[t]he pace and scope of this change warrants the need for this update[.]" Finally, Duke indicated its intention to engage with the Public Staff and other intervenors regarding whether supplemental modeling and analysis are needed.

On December 18, 2023, Duke filed a second letter (December 18, 2023 letter) with the Commission addressing its updated 2023 fall load forecast (Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast). Duke's December 18, 2023 letter stated that following consultation with the Public Staff and other parties to this proceeding, Duke determined that it was necessary to "perform limited supplemental modeling and to submit additional portfolio analysis and supporting testimony in this proceeding based on the Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast." More particularly, Duke's December 18, 2023 letter indicated that Duke's "planned supplemental modeling and analysis will produce limited additional Portfolio Variants and Sensitivity Analysis Portfolios intended to inform the Commission's consideration of the Companies' proposed Near-Term Action Plan, as well as the intermediate- and long-term least cost pathways to achieving the State's carbon emissions reductions targets." Duke further stated that "the additional portfolios and analysis do not supersede or otherwise negate the Companies' robust initial modeling provided in the initial CPIRP filing but instead will provide additional information for the Commission's and parties' consideration."

In the December 18, 2023 letter, Duke clarified that its proposed supplemental modeling is not intended to supersede or otherwise negate its initial CPIRP filing but will instead provide additional information for the Commission's and the other parties' consideration. As a result of the planned supplemental modeling and analysis, Duke proposed modifying the procedural schedule established by Commission Rule R8-60A to

accommodate its planned supplemental modeling and analysis that Duke intends to file on January 31, 2024:

<b>Procedural Milestone</b>	<b>Rule R8-60A Procedural Schedule</b>	<b>Duke’s Proposed Modified Schedule</b>
Deadline for intervenors to file expert witness testimony and exhibits	February 28, 2024 (180 days from proposed CPIRP filing)	April 17, 2024 (77 days from supplemental modeling and analysis filing)
Deadline for Duke to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits	April 15, 2024 (45 days from intervenor testimony deadline)	May 31, 2024 (44 days from intervenor testimony deadline)
Expert witness hearing commences	May 14, 2024	June 17, 2024

On December 20, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Comments on Request for Development of Supplemental Portfolios and Adjustment to Procedural Schedule (Order Requesting Comments) which requested comments on or before January 3, 2024 limited to (1) Duke’s planned supplemental modeling, additional portfolio analysis, and supplemental testimony, and (2) Duke’s proposed procedural schedule.

In accordance with the Commission’s Order Requesting Comments, the following parties submitted responsive comments on or before January 3, 2024 for the Commission’s consideration; the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates II (CIGFUR II) and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III (CIGFUR III) (together with CIGFUR II, CIGFUR) filed a letter in lieu of comments; the Public Staff filed comments; the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office (AGO) filed a letter in lieu of comments; the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Sierra Club, and Natural Resources Defense Council jointly with the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (together, SACE et al.) filed joint comments; the Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA) filed comments; TotalEnergies Renewables USA, LLC filed a letter in lieu of comments; the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) filed comments; the Carolina Utility Customers Association (CUCA) filed a letter in lieu of comments; the Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (CCEBA) filed a letter in lieu of comments; and Walmart Inc. (Walmart) filed a letter in lieu of comments.

On January 9, 2024, Duke filed reply comments. In its reply comments, Duke stated that the pace and scope of the of the continued strong and unprecedented economic development exceeds Duke’s historical experience. Duke provided the perspective: “[T]he Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast projects peak demand growth by 2030 of approximately eight times the peak load growth projected in the 2022 Carbon Plan proceeding over the same time horizon. As compared to the 2023 Spring Load Forecast, the Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast has increased by approximately 2 GW.” Duke clarified that the additional portfolios will supplement—and not replace—the portfolios included in its proposed CPIRP filed on August 18, 2023. Duke further explained that prior to January 31, 2024, it is not planning to perform supplemental modeling to achieve a 70% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 due to “the limited time and current demands on the Companies’ technical personnel . . . .” However, Duke stated

that it will “continue to assess whether there is a methodology to illustrate at a high level the incremental resources needed under a 2030 compliance scenario in light of the Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast.”

The Presiding Commissioner has carefully considered the parties’ comments. While the Presiding Commissioner will not exhaustively recite the parties’ comments herein, the Presiding Commissioner has given due consideration to the entirety of the comments pertinent to directing Duke on its supplemental modeling, additional portfolio analysis, and supplemental testimony, and in setting the procedural scheduled further described herein.

### **Supplemental Modeling**

In regard to Duke’s request to perform supplemental modeling and submit additional portfolio analysis and supporting testimony, all commenting parties, with the exception of the AGO, agree that the rapidly increasing load growth since the CPIRP was initially developed represents extraordinary circumstances, and they support supplemental modeling that incorporates the Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast. For example, the Public Staff agrees with Duke that significant changes to the load forecast necessitate updated modeling. The Public Staff stated that increased projections in load in the Updated 2023 Load Forecast will have significant impacts on the need for resources, and spending the time and resources of the Commission and the parties on a CPIRP that is outdated could render the resources selected and short-term actions approved in this proceeding inadequate. In contrast with the other parties’ positions, the AGO objects to Duke performing supplemental modeling in this CPIRP proceeding. The AGO stated that while there is value in ensuring that every CPIRP is accurate and reliable, the AGO and other intervenors have already spent time and resources analyzing Duke’s initial CPIRP plan and that Duke will have opportunities to change their plans in accordance with changing conditions in future CPIRP filings.

The Commission agrees with Duke and the majority of the parties that Duke’s Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast presents extraordinary circumstances that necessitate the need for supplemental modeling and additional portfolio analysis. While the Commission shares the AGO’s concern that intervenors have invested time and resources analyzing Duke’s initial CPIRP plan, that concern is outweighed by extraordinary amount of load growth forecasted — that the Updated 2023 Fall Load Growth Forecast through 2030 has increased by approximately 2 GW as compared to the 2023 Spring Load Forecast used to develop the CPIRP. The Commission shares the Public Staff’s concern that the load forecast must be accurate in order to ensure that the resources selected and the short-term actions approved in this proceeding are adequate to meet the load growth. The Commission therefore directs Duke to perform supplemental modeling and additional portfolio analysis.

Regarding whether Duke’s proposed supplemental modeling should simply supplement or wholly replace its initial CPIRP filing, SACE et al., CEBA, and EDF urge the Commission to find that Duke’s initial modeling and portfolio analysis must be wholly

replaced by Duke's supplemental modeling. They contend that any supplemental modeling would be unreasonable and irrelevant to this proceeding because the earlier modeling was not designed to meet the Updated 2023 Fall Load Forecast. SACE et al. state that Duke's position that its supplemental modeling will not supersede its initial modeling would require intervenors to review Duke's now stale portfolios while simultaneously preparing alternative scenarios based on two different starting places — the originally filed portfolios from August 2023 and the supplemental portfolios. In Duke's reply comments, Duke disagrees that its initial modeling and portfolio analysis is no longer reasonable or relevant to the Commission's consideration of the CPIRP. Duke explains that the 33 portfolios contained in its initial CPIRP reflect modeling of potential future plans at varying levels of load, resource availability, resource costs, and other variants and sensitivities to key assumptions in the CPIRP. Duke contends that the initial portfolio analysis still has material value to the planning process and that the proposed additional portfolios will identify potential incremental resources that may be needed above what was identified in the initial modeling.

The Commission finds Duke's position — that the primary purpose of supplemental modeling will be to identify potential additional incremental resources to meet the increased load demand — to be reasonable. As such, the Commission concludes that Duke's supplemental modeling shall supplement, but not replace, the initial portfolio analysis provided in the as-filed CPIRP.

Also in regard to Duke's proposed supplemental modeling, the AGO, SACE et al., CEBA, and EDF urged the Commission to ensure that Duke's supplemental modeling includes a portfolio designed to achieve a 70% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from Duke-owned and operated electric generating facilities sited in the State by no later than 2030, consistent with Commission Rule R8-60A(d)(4). While Duke's reply comments indicate that it does not intend to submit modeling of a 2030 compliant scenario as part of its supplemental modeling, citing to "limited time and current demands on the Companies' technical personnel," the Presiding Commissioner agrees with the commenting parties that requiring Duke to model a supplemental portfolio designed to achieve a 70% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from Duke-owned and operated electric generating facilities sited in the State by no later than 2030 is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, the Commission requires Duke to file a portfolio that meets the 70% reduction by 2030 along with its planned supplemental modeling.

## **Procedural Schedule**

The Commission notes for the record that while several parties support or do not object to Duke's proposed alternative procedural schedule, several other parties object to Duke's proposed timeline and requested that the Commission allow the intervening parties additional time to analyze and respond to Duke's supplemental modeling and testimony. Some parties suggested a modified timeline that would conclude with an August 2024 expert witness hearing. In light of the need for the supplemental modeling, the parties' comments, and the Commission's 2024 calendar and anticipated workload,

the Commission finds it appropriate to extend to the maximum extent practicable the procedural deadlines established by Commission Rule R8-60A(g). More particularly, in light of some parties' concerns about Duke's requested procedural schedule, the Commission will elongate Duke's proposed procedural schedule and will instead require that Duke file its supplemental modeling, additional portfolio analysis, and supplemental testimony, including a portfolio that meets the 70% reduction by 2030, by January 31, 2024; that intervenors file their testimony by May 28, 2024; that Duke file its rebuttal testimony by July 1, 2024; and that the Commission shall convene for an expert witness hearing on this matter beginning on July 22, 2024. Finally, with regard to the procedural schedule set forth in this order, the parties should remain cognizant of the December 31, 2024 statutory deadline for the Commission to issue its final 2023 CPIRP and should make substantial efforts to adhere to deadlines established by the Commission in this order and future procedural orders.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record, the Commission finds good cause to set this matter for a series of public hearings, establish procedural and filing requirements for Duke and other parties, and require Duke to provide public notice of its proposed 2023 CPIRP.

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 7 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 within two business days after such a motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to Duke's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on Duke not later than 14 calendar days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to 10 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 10 calendar days prior to the deadline for the filing of Public Staff and other intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests related to the prefiled direct testimony of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served no later than 5 calendar days after the filing of

that party's testimony. The party served shall have up to 3 business 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 9 calendar days after the filing of that party's testimony.

5. Formal discovery requests related to Duke's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served no later than 3 business days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to 3 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 6 business days after 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.

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 an objection, the party seeking discovery shall have 2 calendar days to file with the Commission a motion to compel, and the party objecting to discovery shall have 1 calendar 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 Presiding Commissioner urges all parties to work in a cooperative manner and to attempt to accommodate discovery within the time available. The Presiding Commissioner 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 the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein and shall work in a cooperative manner as to discovery;

2. That hearings for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on Duke's proposed 2023 CPIRP shall be, and are hereby scheduled, as follows:

Asheville:                      Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
    Buncombe County Courthouse  
    Courtroom 1-A

60 Court Plaza  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

Charlotte: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Mecklenburg County Courthouse  
Courtroom 5350  
832 E. 4th Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Wilmington: Monday April 29, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
New Hanover County Courthouse  
Courtroom 317  
316 Princess Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Durham: Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Durham County Courthouse  
Courtroom D7  
510 S. Dillard St.  
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Virtual Hearing: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.  
Held remotely via Webex;

3. That the April 23, 2024, public witness hearing shall be held remotely via Webex, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2024;

To register, please complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html). If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837.

**Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2024, will be allowed to testify at the April 23, 2024 remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2024;**

4. That the public witness hearings will be conducted solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5);

5. That a hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony on Duke's proposed 2023 CPIRP shall be, and is hereby scheduled, beginning at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, July 22, 2024, and continuing as necessary until conclusion. The hearing will



be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Second Floor, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina;

6. That a technical conference shall be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving an oral presentation, with an opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions, on the testimony of intervenors on Duke's proposed 2023 CPIRP as follows:

- a. That parties shall file with the Commission a list of individuals who will appear at the technical conference, as well as any presentation materials on or before Monday, June 10, 2024;
- b. That parties to this proceeding and interested members of the public may attend the technical conference, but participation in the technical conference will be limited to intervenors while presenting and members of the Commission; and
- c. That each intervenor party shall be limited to a presentation of 30 minutes not including Commissioner questions;

7. That Duke shall, at its own expense, publish in newspapers having general coverage in their respective service areas the Notice of Hearings attached as Appendix A, once a week for two consecutive weeks, at least 30 days in advance of the first hearing set herein. The Notice of Hearings shall cover no less than one-fourth of a page;

8. That Duke shall mail to each of their customers a copy of the Notice of Hearings no later than 30 days in advance of the first hearing set herein;

9. That Duke shall make a copy of the Notice of Hearings prominently available on its website and shall provide an email with an electronic link to the Notice of Hearings for all customers receiving bills electronically;

10. That Duke shall file no later than the date of the public witness hearings affidavits of publication and certificates of service showing that they provided notice as required herein;

11. That Duke shall file its supplemental modeling, additional portfolio analysis, and supplemental testimony, including a portfolio that meets the 70% reduction by 2030, by no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024;

12. That petitions to intervene in this proceeding shall be filed pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 not later than Tuesday, May 28, 2024;

13. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors are to be filed on or before Tuesday, May 28, 2024;

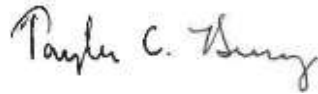
14. That the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Duke will be filed on or before Monday, July 1, 2024; and

15. That all parties filing supporting exhibits in Excel format shall provide to the Commission Staff electronic versions of the exhibits filed in native Excel format via email at NCUCexhibits@ncuc.net, including all of the supporting tabs and formulas, within three days of the filing of such exhibits; and that Duke and all other parties filing exhibits and workpapers that include tables of numbers and calculations shall provide the Public Staff and any other party upon request an electronic version of all such exhibits and workpapers, with formulas intact.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of January, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taylor C. Berry".

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.9 (Carbon Plan Statute) directs the Commission to take all reasonable steps to achieve a seventy percent reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide in the State from electric generating facilities owned or operated by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP; collectively with DEC, Duke), from 2005 levels by the year 2030 and carbon neutrality by the year 2050, subject to certain discretionary limitations. In accordance with the Carbon Plan Statute, the Commission issued an Order Adopting Initial Carbon Plan and Providing Direction for Future Planning on December 30, 2022, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 179 (Initial Carbon Plan). The Carbon Plan Statute directs the Commission to review the plan every two years after the adoption of the Initial Carbon Plan. The Initial Carbon Plan provided for the consolidation of the Carbon Plan and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) processes (CPIRP, as consolidated) and required Duke to file its first proposed biennial CPIRP by no later than September 1, 2023.

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The Commission has scheduled the matter for four in-person public witness hearings as follows:

Asheville: Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Buncombe County Courthouse  
Courtroom 1-A  
60 Court Plaza  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

Charlotte: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Mecklenburg County Courthouse  
Courtroom 5350  
832 E. 4th Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Wilmington: Monday April 29, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
New Hanover County Courthouse  
Courtroom 317  
316 Princess Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Durham: Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.  
Durham County Courthouse  
Courtroom D7  
510 S. Dillard St.  
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Further, to provide individuals that cannot make one of the four in-person hearings an opportunity to testify, the Commission has scheduled a remote, public witness hearing on the CPIRP for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, which will be held via Webex to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at the earlier of the last witness' testimony or 9:30 p.m. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov).

Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, by completing the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister/html](http://www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister/html). If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837. Only the first 20 individuals registered will be allowed to testify at the remote hearing.

The public hearings will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5). Persons who desire to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. Persons who desire to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and reference Docket No. E-100, Sub 190CS. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at one of the public hearings and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons can also submit a statement on the 2023 CPIRP via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.gov/contactus.html). Consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-100, Sub 190CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the development of the 2023 CPIRP and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene no later than Tuesday, May 28, 2024. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-100, Sub 190, and should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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 which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

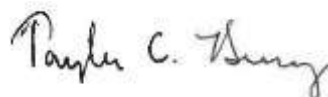
Mr. Christopher J. Ayers  
Executive Director Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4326 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-430

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001  
utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov

This the 17th day of January, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk