

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of Appalachian State University,)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company)	
for Adjustment of General Base Rates and)	ORDER ACCEPTING
Charges Applicable to Electric Service)	SUBSTITUTION OF WITNESS
)	AND ALLOWING ADOPTION
DOCKET NO. E-34, Sub 55)	OF TESTIMONY
)	
In the Matter of)	
Petition of Appalachian State University)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company)	
for an Accounting Order to Defer Certain)	
Capital Costs and New Tax Expenses)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On June 9, 2023, the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), filed the testimony and exhibits of witnesses John Hinton and Jack Floyd and the joint testimony and exhibits of witnesses Sonja Johnson and Iris Morgan in the above-referenced dockets.

On June 30, 2022, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that James S. McLawhorn be allowed to adopt Mr. Floyd's prefiled direct testimony and exhibit (Motion). In support of the Motion, the Public Staff states that Mr. Floyd retired from the Public Staff as of June 30, 2023, and therefore is not available to testify at the July 10, 2023 expert witness hearing. The Public Staff further stated that Mr. McLawhorn, the Director of the Energy Division of the Public Staff, is familiar with the subject matter of these combined dockets and with the content of Mr. Floyd's pre-filed testimony. Additionally, he will be able to answer questions from NRLP, the intervenors, and the Commission at the expert witness hearing in the same capacity as Mr. Floyd. Mr. McLawhorn would adopt the testimony and exhibit previously pre-filed by Mr. Floyd in these dockets; therefore, no party will be prejudiced by this Motion.

The Public Staff also states that it notified NRLP and all intervenors regarding the Motion, and no party objected to the Motion or the requested relief.

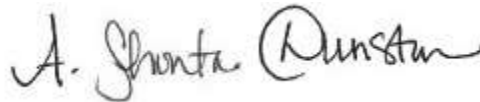
Based on the Motion, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to allow Mr. McLawhorn to be substituted as the sponsor of Mr. Floyd's prefiled direct testimony and exhibit and that he be permitted to testify in place of Mr. Floyd at the hearing on this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of July, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk