

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 179

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke)	ORDER GRANTING SACE ET AL.
Energy Carolinas, LLC, 2022 Biennial)	AND NCSEA A THREE-BUSINESS
Integrated Resource Plans and Carbon Plan)	DAY EXTENSION TO FILE
)	SYNAPSE REPORT AND
)	RELATED COMMENTS

BY THE CHAIR: On July 14, 2022, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE), the Sierra Club, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (collectively, SACE et al.), and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), filed a motion requesting a one-week extension of time to file certain comments on the proposed carbon plan filed on May 16, 2022, by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, Duke), as well as their proposed alternative carbon plan.

In support of the motion, the movants show that on July 12, 2022, three-days prior to the deadline set by the Commission for intervenors to file comments and proposed alternatives to Duke's proposed carbon plan, their consultant, Synapse, discovered a software "bug" in version 6.0.9 of EnCompass, which has delayed their progress in running capacity expansion and production cost modeling necessary to complete the Synapse report and corresponding comments.¹ Accordingly, SACE et al. and NCSEA request a one week extension of time to file comments on Duke's proposed carbon plan and/or their own proposed alternative carbon plan based on the Synapse's analysis. Further, SACE et al. and NCSEA state that they "plan to file their remaining initial comments and other expert reports not implicated by the software error on July 15, 2022." Finally, SACE et al. and NCSEA state that no party opposes the motion for an extension of time.

Based upon these extenuating circumstances outside the control of SACE et al. and NCSEA, the Chair finds good cause grant SACE at al. and NCSEA a three-business day extension to file comments on Duke's proposed carbon plan and their own proposed alternative carbon plan based on the Synapse's analysis. SACE et al. and NCSEA's remaining initial comments and other expert reports not affected by the software error shall be filed on July 15, 2022.

For the avoidance of doubt, no other deadlines are impacted this extension. By granting an extension of a shorter duration than that requested by SACE et al. and NCSEA, which does not overlap with the Issues Report deadline, the Chair expects that it will be feasible for Duke to file a complete Issues Report on July 22, 2022, as planned.

¹ "As of July 12, 2022, Synapse was 'on track' to provide a draft report to Movants that could be finalized in time to meet the July 15, 2022 deadline." Motion at 2.

Should Duke determine that it needs to modify or supplement the Issues Report as a result of this order, Duke shall seek the Commission's leave prior to doing so.

Finally, the Chair reiterates earlier orders of the Commission directing that parties should be cognizant of the December 31, 2022 Carbon Plan deadline and should make substantial efforts to adhere to deadlines established by the Commission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk