



3. Formal discovery requests related to the application and the Applicant's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than fourteen days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to ten 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 ten days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served not later than three days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three 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 five days after that party's testimony was filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to the Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than two days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to two 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 three days after the 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 from the Applicant.

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 objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two days to file a motion to compel with the Commission, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one 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 Commission 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 a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1262, which is scheduled to begin at

10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for DEC;

2. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022;

3. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022;

4. That DEC may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Thursday, May 26, 2022;

5. That DEC shall publish the Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 45 days prior to the hearing;

6. That DEC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing; and

7. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of March, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1263

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,        )  
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and                )  
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel            )       PUBLIC NOTICE  
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for         )  
Electric Utilities                                        )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel and fuel-related adjustment charge proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing will be held immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1262, which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to reflect changes in fuel and fuel-related costs over or under the base fuel rate established for DEC in its last general rate case. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On March 1, 2022, DEC filed its application and testimony relative to the fuel cost proceeding. By its application, DEC requests Commission approval for an increase in its fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect, with the changes being effective for service rendered on or after September 1, 2022. DEC's request, excluding the regulatory fee, would result in increases of 0.8086 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers, 0.5827 cents per kWh for commercial customers, and 0.4505 cents per kWh for industrial customers. If approved, the net effect of DEC's request would be to increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$8.09.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DEC's application on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

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 that 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 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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

addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of March, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk