STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7 SUB 819 DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1152 DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1146

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 819)
In the Matter of Amended Application by Duke Energy Carolina, LLC, for Approval of Decision to Incur Nuclear Generation Project Development Costs))))
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1152) ORDER CONSOLIDATING
In the Matter of Petition of Duke Energy Carolina, LLC, for an Order Approving a Job Retention Rider) DOCKETS))
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1146)
In the Matter of Application by Duke Energy Carolina, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility Service in North Carolina	/)))

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On August 14, 2017, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) filed a petition for approval to offer a job retention rider in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152. According to DEC's petition, in order to stem further loss of industry, industrial production and industrial jobs from its service area, DEC proposes to offer a discount to qualified customers pursuant to the rider in accordance with the Commission's December 8, 2015 Order Adopting Guidelines for Job Retention Tariffs in Docket No. E-100, Sub 73.

On August 15, 2017, the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III, (CIGFUR III) filed a petition to intervene in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152, which was granted by Commission Order issued August 17, 2017.

On August 17, 2017, the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) filed a petition to intervene in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152, which was granted by Commission Order issued August 18, 2017.

On August 28, 2017, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA) filed a petition to intervene in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152, which was granted by Commission Order issued September 13, 2017.

On August 25, 2017, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) filed a petition for approval to cancel the Lee Nuclear Project in Docket No. E-7, Sub 819. According to DEC's petition, due to Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's recent bankruptcy and DEC's unlikely completion of this project before the end of the next decade, it is in the best interest of customers to cancel this project at the present time.

On August 25, 2017, DEC filed a general rate case, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146, and that matter is currently pending before the Commission. In its application, DEC requests that Docket No. E-7, Sub 819 be consolidated in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

The Chairman is of the opinion that the rate case is the proper forum to discuss the job retention rider request in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152, and to discuss the issues surrounding DEC's request to cancel the Lee Nuclear Project in Docket No. E-7, Sub 819.

Therefore, based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Chairman finds good cause to consolidate DEC's request to offer a job retention rider with DEC's general rate case application, and to consolidate DEC's request to cancel the Lee Nuclear Project with DEC's general rate case application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DEC's request in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152 to implement a job retention rider shall be, and is hereby, consolidated with DEC's general rate case application in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

2. That DEC's request in Docket No. E-7, Sub 819 to cancel the Lee Nuclear Project shall be, and is hereby, consolidated with DEC's general rate case application in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

3. That those persons who have been granted intervention in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152 and Docket No. E-7, Sub 819 shall be allowed to fully participate in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

4. That other persons desiring to address the issues in DEC's request in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1152 to implement a job retention rider and DEC's request to cancel the Lee Nuclear Project in Docket No. E-7, Sub 819 shall make their filings and follow the intervention, testimony, hearing and other procedural guidelines established by the Commission's Scheduling Order issued on October 13, 2017, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>18th</u> day of October, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk