## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. ER-144, SUB 0 DOCKET NO. ER-144, SUB 1 DOCKET NO. ER-144, SUB 2 DOCKET NO. ER-144, SUB 3 DOCKET NO. ER-144, SUB 4

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                             |                        |
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| Charlotte Leased Housing Associates II, LLP, |                        |
| Application for Authority to Resell Electric | ORDER CONSOLIDATING    |
| Service Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110(h) at  | DOCKETS AND SCHEDULING |
| 7800 Creekridge Road, Charlotte,             | ORAL ARGUMENT          |
| North Carolina 28212                         |                        |

BY THE CHAIR: On March 3, 2023, Charlotte Leased Housing Associates II, LLP (Applicant), filed with the Commission applications in Docket No. ER-144, Subs 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 for certificates of authority to resell electric service at Creekridge on the Park, 7800 Creekridge Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110(h) and Commission Rule R22. The applications indicate that that they are for four different buildings and a clubhouse in one apartment complex, Creekridge on the Park.

On May 1, 2023, the Public Staff filed its correspondence to Applicant in each docket outlining the deficiencies in the application. The Public Staff included a miscellaneous item in its filing stating that Applicant had filed five identical applications under five separate docket numbers for different buildings within the same apartment complex. The Public Staff stated that unless there was a need for separate dockets, Applicant should submit a request to the Chief Clerk's Office to consolidate the five dockets into a single docket.

On May 2, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Incomplete and Request for Additional Information in each docket.

On July 11, 2023, Applicant filed, in the Sub 0 docket only, an Application for Waiver requesting that the Commission grant it approval to use master metering for a planned affordable housing multifamily residential property consisting of 150 residential apartments at Creekridge on the Park.

On September 14, 2023, Applicant filed, in each separate docket, a Request to Consolidate Dockets requesting that the originally filed Docket No. ER-144, Subs 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 all be placed into Docket No. ER-144, Sub 0.

On September 20, 2023, Applicant filed in Docket No. ER-144, Sub 0 responses to the Public Staff's deficiency letter of May 1, 2023.

On November 17, 2023, the Public Staff filed a Second Deficiency Letter in each separate docket seeking further information and clarifications. The Public Staff also stated that it does not object to Applicant's Request to Consolidate Dockets filed on September 14, 2023.

On November 27, 2023, Applicant filed a Motion for Oral Argument in Docket No. ER-144, Sub 0 requesting that the Commission issue an order scheduling an oral argument to permit Applicant an opportunity to seek Commission approval to use master metering at Creekridge on the Park. Applicant states that if permitted, it would contract with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), for the installation of a master electric meter to service the apartment complex. Applicant seeks Commission approval to install propertyowned submeters for each apartment and pass through electric rates and fees to the low-income tenant of each apartment. Applicant states that each apartment will only be billed for the actual kilowatt-hours recorded by the submeters during tenant occupancy. Applicant further states that it will comply with all Commission rules and regulations regarding late fees, administrative charges, required minimum remittance due dates, and returned check charges and that individual apartment tenants will not be charged the cost of electricity from any other apartment or common areas of the apartment complex. Applicant plans to pay for all electricity provided by DEC through the master meter and seeks authority to bill the individual apartments via their submeters as an authorized electric reseller in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 62-110(h) and for an exemption from the master metering prohibition of N.C.G.S. § 143-151.42(a). Applicant states that it will take the total bill each month for the master meter recording electricity used by the apartment complex and bill each apartment as described plus an administrative fee not to exceed \$3.75 per month.

Considering the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, the Chair finds good cause to grant Applicant's Motion to Consolidate Dockets. Going forward, all filings pertaining to any of the pending applications in Docket No. ER-144, Subs 0-4 or any of the five buildings that are the subject of those applications shall be filed in Docket No. ER-144, Sub 0, and the Commission will consider them as one application. Docket No. ER-144, Subs 1-4 shall be closed.

Further, the Chair finds good cause to grant Applicant's Motion for Oral Argument to hear arguments regarding Applicant's Application for Waiver of the Master Metering Prohibition of N.C.G.S. § 143-151.42(a). The oral argument by the parties will be heard on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., or immediately following Staff Conference, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That an oral argument is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., or immediately following Staff Conference, to consider the requested waiver of the master meter requirement;
- 2. That Applicant's Motion to Consolidate Dockets shall be, and is hereby, granted;
- 3. That future filings pertaining to any of the pending applications in Docket No. ER-144, Subs 0-4 or any of the five buildings that are the subject of those applications shall be filed in Docket No. ER-144, Sub 0; and
  - 4. That Docket No. ER-144, Subs 1-4 shall be closed.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of November, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk

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