STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1095D
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1100D
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 682D

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Third-Party Independent Audits of	)	ORDER GRANTING FURTHER
Affiliate Transactions Pursuant to	)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Regulatory Condition No. 5.8	)	

BY THE CHAIR: On September 29, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Merger Order), in Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1095, E-7, Sub 1100, and G-9, Sub 682, approving the merger of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Included among the Regulatory Conditions (RCs) approved in the Merger Order is RC No. 5.8. This RC requires, among other things, that a third-party independent audit be conducted regarding the affiliate transactions among Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Piedmont (collectively Duke utilities) no less than every two years, with the first audit to commence two years after the close of the merger.

On March 28, 2019, the Commission issued an order granting the Public Staff's and Duke utilities' (Movants') motion for an extension of time to August 1, 2019, to file their recommendation of an independent auditor.

On July 31, 2019, Movants filed a motion requesting a further extension of time to December 9, 2019. In summary, Movants state that due to the press of other business the process of selecting an independent auditor is still ongoing. Further, Movants described the steps in the process of interviewing and selecting an auditor.
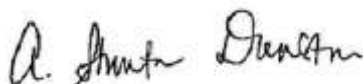
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to extend to December 9, 2019, the date by which the Public Staff shall file with the Commission its recommendation of an independent auditor to conduct the audit required by RC No. 5.8.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of August, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk