

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-92, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of NTE Carolinas II, LLC, for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)	ORDER REQUIRING THE
to Construct a 500-MW Natural Gas-Fueled)	FILING OF ADDITIONAL
Merchant Power Plant in Rockingham County,)	TESTIMONY
North Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 19, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificate with Conditions in the above-captioned docket. In summary, the Order issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to NTE Carolinas II, LLC (NTE) for the construction of a 500-MW natural gas-fired merchant power plant to be built in Rockingham County, North Carolina (Rockingham facility), as an electric merchant plant (EMP).

On November 26, 2019, NTE filed a motion informing the Commission that it has not begun construction of the Rockingham facility, and requesting that the Commission renew the CPCN pursuant to Commission Rule R8-63.

On December 6, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed a petition with the Commission seeking to intervene in this docket. On January 27, 2020, the Commission granted DEC petition to intervene.

The Presiding Commissioner notes that the Commission has seen an increase in the number of EMP applications. Due to the increase in non-utility generation on the North Carolina system and the Commission's statutory duty to examine the long-range needs for the generation of electricity in North Carolina, the Commission has been requiring recently filed EMP to file additional testimony and exhibits addressing the following questions (Additional EMP Questions):

1. Provide the Levelized Cost of Transmission (LCOT) information for any required transmission system upgrades or modifications.
2. Provide any interconnection study received for the proposed facility. If you have not received a study, provide a date by when the study is expected to be completed.
3. Are you aware of any system other than the studied system that is or will be affected by the interconnection? If yes, explain the impact and basis.

4. If the Applicant proposes to sell energy and capacity from the facility to a distribution utility regulated by the Commission, provide a discussion of how the facility's output conforms to or varies from the regulated utility's most recent IRP.

5. If the Applicant proposes to sell energy and capacity from the facility to a distribution utility not regulated by the Commission but serving retail customers in North Carolina (e.g., a co-op or muni), provide a discussion of how the facility's output conforms to or varies from the purchasing distribution utility's long-range resource plan.

6. If the Applicant proposes to sell energy and capacity from the facility to a purchaser who is subject to a statutory or regulatory mandate with respect to its energy sourcing (e.g., a REPS requirement or Virginia's new statutory mandate for renewables), explain how, if at all, the facility will assist or enable compliance with that mandate. Provide any contracts that support that compliance.

7. Provide any PPA agreements, REC sale contracts, or contracts for compensation for environmental attributes for the output of the facility.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner is of the opinion that good cause exists to request the Applicant to file testimony addressing the Additional EMP Questions, and to allow the other parties to the docket to file testimony addressing the applicant's additional testimony.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Applicant shall file testimony and exhibits addressing the Additional EMP Questions on or before Monday, October 12, 2020;

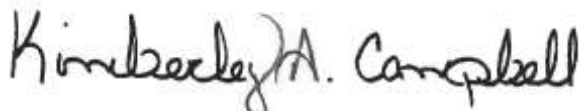
2. That the Public Staff and other intervenors shall file testimony and exhibits on or before Monday, November 9, 2020; and

3. That the Applicant may file reply testimony and exhibits on or before Monday, December 7, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk