STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1197 DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1195

)	ORDER REQUESTING
)	COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
)	REVISED PILOT
)	PROGRAMS
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BY THE CHAIR: On November 24, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Approving Electric Transportation Pilot Programs, In Part (ET Pilot Order), in the above-captioned dockets. In summary, the ET Pilot Order approved in part the joint application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP, collectively, Duke), to establish seven pilot programs to obtain additional information about electric transportation (ET) and electric vehicles (EVs). The Commission approved the framework for several modified ET pilot programs, declined to approve several others, and directed Duke and the parties to engage in stakeholder collaborative discussions about the structure and implementation of the approved programs.

On May 24, 2021, Duke filed a Request for Approval of Phase II Electric Transportation Pilot Programs (Phase II Pilots). In summary, Duke stated that Duke and the Public Staff convened an ET stakeholder group that has met monthly since December 2020. Duke stated that the stakeholder meetings achieved a general consensus that private investment in EV infrastructure may fail to deploy adequate charging infrastructure in income-qualified communities, rural communities, and less traveled corridor routes. Moreover, Duke stated that its Phase II Pilot Level 2 and fast charger proposals will help link the growing EV market to participation in that market by low and moderate income customers, as well as by customers who are geographically distant from more EV competitive, urban areas. In addition, Duke described in detail each of the proposed Phase II Pilots and requested approval by the Commission. Finally, Duke stated that the stakeholder forum allowed Duke to include ideas and input from stakeholders in the proposed Phase II Pilots, and that continuing to convene the ET stakeholder group on at least a quarterly basis would allow the Companies to continue to provide updates on the pilot programs initially proposed and the status of the Phase II Pilots.

Based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Chair finds good cause to request comments and reply comments from the parties on Duke's proposed Phase II Pilots, and to authorize Duke and the Public Staff to continue to convene the ET stakeholder group on at least a quarterly basis.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That on or before July 15, 2021, the parties may file comments on Duke's proposed Phase II Pilots;

2. That on or before August 5, 2021, the parties may file reply comments; and

3. That Duke and the Public Staff shall continue to convene the ET stakeholder group on at least a quarterly basis.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of June, 2021.

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