

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1146

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,)	ORDER EXTENDING ADVANCED
LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)	RATE DESIGN PILOT PROGRAMS
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)	AND REQUIRING INTERIM AND
North Carolina)	FINAL REPORTS

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 2, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving Pilots that approved Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's (DEC's), nine proposed advanced rate design pilot programs, with modifications proposed by the Public Staff and accepted by DEC (Pilots). The Pilots required a one-year commitment by participating customers, and were approved for a one-year period through September 30, 2020.

On September 16, 2020, DEC filed a letter requesting that the Pilots be extended until July 1, 2021. In summary, DEC stated that it has experienced good participation by customers in the Pilots, with most participants reporting they are satisfied or very satisfied with the Pilots. Additionally, DEC stated that a majority of participants saved on their bills based upon a mid-pilot structural comparison of the rates under the Pilots and the participants' previous rates. Moreover, DEC stated that it engaged a third party to evaluate the Pilots, and DEC intends to launch final designs by July 1, 2021, subject to Commission approval. DEC proposed that between October 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, customers in the Pilots be allowed to continue participating. DEC further proposed that it send participating customers another structural bill comparison in fourth quarter 2020 showing how they did under the Pilots, informing customers that the Pilots have been extended to July 1, 2021, and informing customers that they have the option to end their participation in the Pilots during the extended period. Finally, DEC stated that it discussed its request for an extension with the Public Staff, and it is DEC's understanding that the Public Staff supports the requested extension of the Pilots.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Commission finds good cause to grant DEC's request to extend the Pilots until July 1, 2021. In addition, the Commission finds good cause to require DEC to file an interim progress report on or before January 1, 2021, summarizing progress and key interim findings, and a final report on or before August 1, 2021, detailing customer participation in the Pilots, cumulative statistics on the structural bill comparisons of participants, information about the peak shaving attributes of the Pilots, and a discussion of lessons learned from the Pilots. Finally, prior to preparing the

interim and final reports DEC shall consult with the Public Staff and DEC's third party consultant to identify additional information to be included in the reports.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'A'.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk