

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 101

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Generator Interconnection Standard, Tariffs) ORDER GRANTING LIMITED
and Contract Forms) WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION TO
) MODIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA
) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 15, 2020, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), filed a Petition for Limited Waiver and Authorization to Modify the North Carolina Interconnection Agreement to Accommodate Interconnection Customer Requirements, to modify certain sections of the North Carolina Interconnection Agreement (NCIA) to accommodate an interconnection customer. DENC included a redlined version of the proposed revisions to the NCIA as Attachment A to its petition.

In its petition, DENC notes that it recently concluded a Section 4 study process as required by the North Carolina Interconnection Standard for the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard), resulting from the Coast Guard's application to modify an existing on-site-peak-shaving generator interconnected into the DENC system. DENC's petition explained that as a federal entity, the Coast Guard identified certain provisions of the NCIA that require modification to ensure consistency with laws and regulations applicable to federal executive branch agencies, including provisions related to pre-payment obligations, ongoing financial security requirements, indemnification, insurance, disputes, and conflict of laws. DENC further states that the proposed modifications would not adversely impact power quality and reliability on its system, would not unduly shift commercial risk to the utility, and does not require the North Carolina Interconnection Standard to be revised on a permanent basis. DENC notes that Section 12.2 of the NCIA provides that parties may amend the agreement if both parties agree to the amendment in writing. DENC concludes its petition by requesting guidance from the Commission for future requests for modifications to the NCIA by federal agency customers of DENC.

On March 6, 2020, the Public Staff filed a letter stating it had reviewed DENC's petition and proposed modifications to the NCIA, that it does not object to the modifications, and that under Section 12.2 of the NCIA parties may mutually agree to make changes to the NCIA as long as those parties agree to the changes in writing. The Public Staff agrees that it is reasonable for DENC to accommodate other federal agency interconnection customers by making similar amendments to the NCIA in the future. The Public Staff recommends that the Commission direct DENC to file proposed modifications

to the NCIA for other federal agency customers for Commission review to the extent the revisions vary from the amendments filed in this petition.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to grant the motion and allow DENC a limited waiver to amend the NCIA as proposed in its application. The Commission further finds it is reasonable for DENC to accommodate other federal agency interconnection customers by making similar amendments to the NCIA in the future. To the extent any future modifications to the NCIA for federal agency customers vary from the amendments filed in this petition, DENC shall file the NCIA modifications for Commission review.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the modifications to the NCIA presented by DENC in its application are approved to meet the needs of the Coast Guard and any future federal agency customers; and
2. That DENC shall file NCIA modifications for federal agency customers in redline form for Commission review to the extent the modifications vary from the amendments filed in this petition.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of April, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder".

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk