STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1032

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Petition by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	ORDER APPROVING
for Approval of Multi-Family Energy)	PROGRAM MODIFICATION
Efficiency Program)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 10, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed a request for approval to modify its Residential Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Program (Program). The proposed modification would remove the restriction that limits the availability of the Program to individually-metered apartments with four or more units per building. No other modifications are proposed.

The Program was originally approved October 29, 2013, as an energy efficiency (EE) program pursuant to G.S. 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-68. The Program is designed to achieve energy savings through the installation of certain EE lighting and water saving measures in multi-family dwellings. Under the Program, property managers of multi-family dwellings receive EE bulbs, low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads, and pipe wrap insulation and have the option of installing the measures themselves or having them installed by a DEC vendor at no additional charge. The proposed modification would remove the restriction on the number of individually-metered units per building and expand availability of the Program to all individually-metered multi-family dwelling units.

DEC stated that the current limit on availability has been an issue with property managers who have a mixture of buildings located on a single property, some of which have four or more units per building, and some with less than four units per building. DEC stated that property managers have been unwilling to have only a portion of their buildings fitted with EE measures.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on May 14, 2018. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the request and found no evidence to suggest that expanding its availability would adversely impact the cost-effectiveness or savings from the Program. The Public Staff concluded by recommending that the Commission approve DEC's request, including DEC's request to continue recovering the costs and incentives as provided by Commission Rule R8-69.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion that DEC's request to modify the Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Program should be approved as filed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- 1. That DEC's proposed modifications to the Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Program are hereby approved as filed, effective this date.
- 2. That the Multi-Family Energy Efficiency program continues to be eligible for recovery of program costs and incentives, in accordance with G.S. 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69.
- 3. That DEC shall file with the Commission, within 10 days following the date of this Order, a revised tariff showing the effective date of the tariff.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of May, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk

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