

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Investigation of Necessary and)	ORDER EXTENDING
Appropriate Responses to the Novel)	SUSPENSION OF REQUIREMENT
Coronavirus COVID-19)	FOR FILING PAPER COPIES

BY THE CHAIR: On March 27, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Requirement for Filing Paper Copies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders and the Wake County Board of Commissioners' Proclamation of Emergency Restrictions directing the suspension or curtailment of numerous activities in North Carolina and Wake County by limiting individual contacts in personal, work, school, and other settings. Noting that the copying, mailing, and delivery of paper copies typically requires interactions between the persons preparing the copies, delivery personnel, and the staff of the Clerk's Office, the Commission in that order waived Commission Rules R1 5(g), R1-28, and other rule provisions requiring persons electronically filing certain documents with the Commission to additionally provide the Chief Clerk's Office with paper copies of such filings.

Subsequent to the issuance of that order, on March 27, 2020, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 121 taking the further step of imposing a statewide "stay at home" order restricting non-essential movement of the State's residents until April 29, 2020, to further limit unnecessary person-to-person contact in workplaces and communities.

Consistent with the Governor's Executive Order, the Chair finds good cause to extend the temporary suspension of the additional paper copy filing requirement until April 29, 2020. As in the prior order, the Chair notes that the Dobbs Building housing the Commission's offices is presently closed to the public, but persons can continue making electronic filings and filings by mail with the Clerk's Office. In addition, email and telephone access to the Commission remain available to all persons.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the requirement to file additional paper copies of electronically filed documents with the Commission is hereby further suspended until April 29, 2020, unless further extended by a subsequent order of the Commission;
2. That the Chief Clerk shall electronically serve a copy of this Order on all jurisdictional utilities, and shall post notice of this Order on the Commission's website; and

3. That the Public Staff is requested to post notice of this Order on its website.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 30th day of March, 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