

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Applications by Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Adjustment of Rates and Charges)	TO CLARIFY TESTIMONY
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)	OF WITNESS STEPHENS
North Carolina)	

BY THE CHAIR: On August 28, 2020, during the consolidated expert witness hearing being held by the Commission in the above-captioned dockets involving the general rate case applications of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Dennis Stephens provided testimony on behalf of North Carolina Justice Center, North Carolina Housing Coalition, Natural Resources Defense Council, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCJC, *et al.*).

On September 11, 2020, NCJC, *et al.*, filed a motion requesting that Volume 8 of the Commission's official transcript of the consolidated hearing, at page 77, lines 5-6, be corrected to reflect witness Stephens' intent to refer to the recommendations regarding DEC's and DEP's proposed Grid Improvement Plan (GIP), in his prefiled testimony. In summary, NCJC, *et al.*, stated that witness Stephens' testimony was recorded on lines 4-7 as follows:

year, to actually get through that process -- that's why we believe that they should reject the GIP program at this point and set up that kind of a stakeholder-involved process so that we can -- that stakeholder group could

Tr. vol. 8, p. 77, lines 4-7.

Further, NCJC, *et al.*, stated that after Volume 8 of the transcript became available witness Stephens informed NCJC, *et al.*'s, counsel that the testimony excerpted above was intended to refer to the recommendations in his prefiled testimony, and that his use of the present tense resulted in a misstatement of his current position. As a result, NCJC, *et al.*, requested that Volume 8, page 77, lines 5 and 6 be amended to state:

we recommended in our prefiled testimony that they should reject the GIP program at that point and set up that kind of a stakeholder-involved

NCJC, et al., Motion, at 3.

In addition, NCJC, *et al.*, stated that no party will be prejudiced by the requested change to witness Stephens' testimony, and that the following parties have stated that they have no objection to NCJC, *et al.*'s, motion: DEC, DEP, Public Staff, Attorney General's Office, Appalachian Voices, Center for Biological Diversity, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates, Commercial Group, Apple Inc., Facebook, Inc., Google LLC, Harris Teeter, LLC, North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance, North Carolina League of Municipalities, NC WARN, Sierra Club, and Vote Solar. Moreover, NCJC, *et al.*, stated that no other party raised an objection to its motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to accept NCJC, *et al.*'s motion as a motion to allow witness Stephens to amend his testimony in order to clarify it, and to grant said motion by instructing the Court Reporter to file an amendment to Volume 8 of the consolidated hearing transcript, page 77, lines 5 and 6, as follows:

we recommended in our prefiled testimony that they should reject the GIP program at that point and set up that kind of a stakeholder-involved

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk