

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1185
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1190
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 90

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1185)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas,)	
LLC, for Approval of Renewable)	
Advantage Rider)	
)	ORDER SUSPENDING
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1190)	PROPOSED TARIFFS, AND
)	REQUESTING COMMENTS
)	AND PROPOSED ORDERS
In the Matter of)	
Application by Duke Energy Progress,)	
LLC, for Approval of Renewable)	
Advantage Rider)	
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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 90)	
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In the Matter of)	
Investigation of Voluntary Green and)	
Public Benefit Check-Off Programs –)	
NC GreenPower)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On November 20, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, Duke) filed applications in the above-referenced dockets for approval of a new tariff called Renewable Advantage Rider (RAR), and changes to the NC GreenPower program. In summary, Duke states that RAR is a voluntary program that will allow residential and small business customers to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) to offset all or a portion of their consumption of electricity. Duke states that there is no supplier of such a service in North Carolina, and that the changes it is requesting will aid in developing a more active REC market. Further, Duke states that RAR will be offered as a pilot program through 2024, and that RECs will be offered from a variety generation resources, including solar, wind, hydro and biomass. In addition, Duke states that it is seeking changes to the NC GreenPower program that concur with program changes to be concurrently requested by NC GreenPower. Duke states that NC GreenPower intends to change its program to no longer offer RECs on a

mass market basis, and to use all funds to install solar generation at schools throughout North Carolina. Finally, Duke requests approval of RAR by December 31, 2018.

On November 26, 2018, NC GreenPower filed its proposed revisions to the NC GreenPower program. NC GreenPower states that it has discussed the proposed changes with Duke for over a year and that the revised program plan has been approved by the Boards of Directors for NC GreenPower Corporation and NC Advanced Energy Corporation.

On November 30, 2018, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Suspend Tariffs and Request Comments. The Public Staff states that it has engaged in discussions with Duke about RAR, and that allowing comments by interested parties will assist the Commission in deciding whether to approve RAR and the revisions to NC GreenPower. Further, the Public Staff requests that the proposed RAR tariffs be suspended for up to 270 days, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134, to provide sufficient time for the full consideration of these matters. The Public Staff suggests that initial comments be submitted within 15 business days of the Commission's procedural order, and that reply comments be submitted within 10 business days of initial comments. In addition, the Public Staff recommends that parties include a proposed order with their comments. Finally, the Public Staff notes that it is authorized by Duke to state that Duke does not oppose the Public Staff's motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chairman finds good cause to suspend the proposed Renewable Advantage Rider tariffs and the proposed revisions to the NC GreenPower (NC) Programs tariffs as filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for up to 270 days, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134. In addition, the Chairman finds good cause to request comments and reply comments about the proposed tariffs and the proposed changes to NC GreenPower from interested parties.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the proposed Renewable Advantage Rider tariffs and the proposed revisions to the NC GreenPower (NC) Programs tariffs as filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, shall be, and are hereby, suspended for up to 270 days, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134.
2. That all parties to Docket No. E-100, Sub 90 are hereby made parties to this docket without the necessity of filing petitions to intervene.
3. The Chief Clerk shall serve this Order on all parties to Docket No. E-100, Sub 90.
4. That on or before January 3, 2019, persons having an interest in this matter may file petitions to intervene in this docket.
5. That on or before January 3, 2019, the Public Staff and intervenors may file initial comments.

6. That on or before January 17, 2019, all parties may file reply comments.
7. That parties are requested to file a proposed order, jointly or severally, with their comments.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of December, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk