

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-13695, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Petition for Relief of Orion Renewable Resources LLC)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
)	DEADLINES FOR FILINGS
)	RESPONSIVE TO ORION'S
)	MOTION TO STRIKE

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On March 9, 2020, Orion Renewable Resources LLC (Orion) filed a Verified Petition for Relief in Docket No. SP-13695, Sub 1 challenging a decision by the Independent Administrator of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program, Accion Group, Inc. (Accion or IA), to disqualify Orion's Proposal 129-01 (Proposal) because it failed to pass the IA's "Net Benefit" test.

On April 9, 2020, Accion filed a response in opposition to Orion's petition.

On May 26, 2020, Orion filed a reply in support of the petition.

On June 12, 2020, Accion filed an additional response to Orion's reply comments.

On October 21, 2020, the Commission issued an order setting this matter for hearing on November 2, 2020, and deeming Orion, Accion, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and the Public Staff parties to this proceeding.

On November 2, 2020, this matter was heard via a remote hearing.

On November 25, 2020, DEC filed a Late-Filed Exhibit.

On January 4, 2021, the parties filed proposed orders and briefs.

On January 25, 2021, Orion filed a Motion to Strike or in the Alternative to Reopen Hearing (Motion to Strike) stating that, at the hearing, the Commission requested that Accion provide a late-filed exhibit containing specific information regarding two proposals that were eliminated from Step 1 of CPRE Tranche 1 based on a negative Net Benefit calculation. Orion contends that, instead, DEC submitted a Late-Filed Exhibit, which raised new factual issues not previously presented. Orion further contends that, in its post-hearing brief, DEC used the information underlying the Late-Filed Exhibit as a basis for denying Orion's claim and that Orion has not had an opportunity for rebuttal.

The Presiding Commissioner finds that good cause exists to issue this Order establishing deadlines for filings responsive to Orion's Motion to Strike.

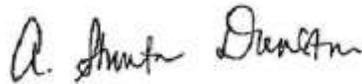
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That parties may file Responses to Orion's Motion to Strike on or before February 15, 2021; and
2. Orion may file a reply no later than February 22, 2021.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk