

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 151

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Proceeding to Select the Independent) ORDER ESTABLISHING
Administrator of the CPRE Program) PROCEEDING TO SELECT THE
) INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR
) OF THE CPRE PROGRAM

BY THE COMMISSION: On November 6, 2017, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 150, the Commission issued an Order adopting Commission Rule R8-71. Commission Rule R8-71 provides for the implementation of G.S. 62-110.8 and for Commission oversight of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy Program (CPRE Program). Subsection G.S. 62-110.8(d) requires that the CPRE Program(s) be independently administered by a third-party entity to be approved by the Commission.

On November 3, 2017, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 150, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (together, Duke) filed an update on its informal stakeholder process and a draft of its CPRE Program guidelines. Among other things, Duke indicated their intent to jointly file a proposed CPRE Program with the Commission on or before November 27, 2017, consistent with the requirements of Section 2(c) of S.L. 2017-192.

Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-71(d)(1), in advance of the filing of Duke's proposed CPRE Program on November 27, 2017, the Commission shall invite and consider comments and recommendations from the electric public utilities, the Public Staff, and other interested persons, including market participants, regarding the selection of the Independent Administrator.

Based upon the foregoing, and consistent with the provisions of Commission Rule R8-71(d), the Commission finds good cause to establish this proceeding to select the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program. To initiate this process, the Commission invites comments and recommendations from Duke, the Public Staff, and other interested persons, including the CPRE Program's market participants. The Commission further finds good cause to make parties to this proceeding the parties in Docket No. E-100, Sub 150. Therefore, the Commission will adopt a schedule for required and permitted filings and for participation by interested persons not already a party to this proceeding. Finally, consistent with the provisions of Commission Rule R8-71(d)(3), the

Commission hereby gives notice of its intent to select an Independent Administrator in advance of the first CPRE Program RFP Solicitation in this proceeding.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That, on or before December 8, 2017, DEP and DEC shall identify the third-party entity or entities whom it recommends be considered for selection as the Independent Administrator of the CPRE Program by an appropriate filing in this docket. Duke's filing shall include any supporting comments that it desires the Commission to consider in selecting the Independent Administrator and any additional information that would be useful or necessary for the Public Staff and other interested parties' participation in this process;
2. That the participation of the parties of record in Docket No. E-100, Sub 150, is allowed in this proceeding without need to file petitions to intervene;
3. That other interested persons that wish to become formal parties and participate in this proceeding may file petitions to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before December 22, 2017;
4. That, on or before December 22, 2017, the Public Staff and other parties may file reply comments responding to Duke's recommendation and comments, including, identifying an alternative entity or entities recommended to be considered for selection as the CPRE Program Independent Administrator, if any; and
5. That, upon receipt of the parties' recommendation(s) and comments, the Commission will proceed appropriately in selecting the Independent Administrator in advance of the first CPRE RFP Solicitation.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of November, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threath, Acting Deputy Clerk