

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for)
Approval of Prepaid Advantage Program)

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214)

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)
North Carolina)

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187)

In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for)
an Accounting Order to Defer Incremental)
Storm Damage Expenses Incurred as a Result)
of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and)
Winter Storm Diego)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219)

In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in)
North Carolina)

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
EXCUSE PUBLIC STAFF
WITNESS MCCULLAR FROM
TESTIFYING AT EXPERT
WITNESS HEARINGS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONERS: On July 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Recommended Consolidated Issues for Remote Expert Witness Hearing and Postponing Separate Issue Hearings (Consolidated Hearing Order). The Consolidated Hearing Order identified the topics to be addressed by expert witness testimony in the consolidated hearing in the above-captioned dockets involving general rate case applications by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy

Progress, LLC (DEP, collectively Duke). Further, the Consolidated Hearing Order confirmed the Commission's plan to commence the consolidated hearing remotely on July 27, 2020, but postponed the previously scheduled separate hearings on DEC's and DEP's applications until a date certain to be set by subsequent order. In response to a subsequent motion by Duke and the Public Staff, the Commission issued an order further rescheduling the consolidated remote hearing to begin on Monday, August 24, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

On July 21, 2020, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse Public Staff witness Roxie McCullar from testifying at the separate DEC and DEP expert witness hearings. In summary, the Public Staff stated that all parties have indicated that they have no cross-examination questions for witness McCullar, and that no party objects to the Public Staff's motion to excuse witness McCullar from testifying.

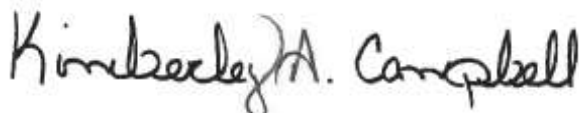
Based on the Public Staff's motion and the records in these dockets, the Presiding Commissioners find good cause to deny the Public Staff's motion to excuse witness McCullar from testifying at the separate DEC and DEP expert witness hearings because the Commission anticipates having questions for witness McCullar.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Public Staff's motion to excuse witness McCullar from testifying at the separate DEC and DEP expert witness hearings is denied.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of August, 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