

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1250
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1250)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission)
Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost)
Adjustments for Electric Utilities)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1251)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for)
Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy)
Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission)
Rule R8-67)

ORDER SCHEDULING
REMOTE HEARINGS
FOR EXPERT WITNESS
TESTIMONY

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1252)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC for)
Approval of Demand-Side Management and)
Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant)
to N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.9 and Commission)
Rule R8-69)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1253)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC)
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.14 and)
Commission Rule R8-70 for Approval for a Joint)
Agency Asset Rider for Recovery of Joint Agency)
Asset Costs)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1254)
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 In the Matter of)
 Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC for)
 Approval of CPRE Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant)
 to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and Commission)
 Rule R8-71)

BY THE CHAIR: On June 9, 2020, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), filed applications in the above-captioned dockets for adjustments to its fuel, REPS, DSM/EE, JAAR, and CPRE cost recovery riders, respectively.

On June 29, 2020, the Commission issued orders in each docket (Scheduling Orders) scheduling hearings on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, in the following sequence:

- E-2, Sub 1250 – Fuel rider
- E-2, Sub 1251 – DSM/EE rider
- E-2, Sub 1252 – REPS rider
- E-2, Sub 1253 – JAAR rider
- E-2, Sub 1254 – CPRE rider

In addition, the Scheduling Orders required DEP to publish notice of the date and times of the hearings, with the notice informing the public of the opportunity to attend the hearings and provide testimony. As is the Commission’s usual procedure, the Commission planned to proceed to receive expert witness testimony in each docket following the testimony by public witnesses.

In March through July 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued a progression of Executive Orders that declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Executive Orders place restrictions on business operations and mass gatherings including limiting face-to-face meetings to no more than ten people and requiring social distancing between individuals of at least six feet. On August 5, 2020, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 155 that declared these restrictions would remain in effect until September 11, 2020, unless repealed or modified by a subsequent Executive Order.

Based on the record and the current state of uncertainty regarding future requirements to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Chair finds good cause to confirm that the public witness hearings will be held at the time and place set in the Scheduling Orders, and to inform the parties and their attorneys that they are not required to attend the public witness hearings, but may attend if they desire to do so. Further, all persons attending the public witness hearings will be required to wear a mask or other appropriate face covering and will be required to seat themselves in the hearing room at least six feet (three chairs) apart from other persons.

Due to the large number of persons who will be involved in the expert witness portion of the hearings in the four dockets, the Chair finds good cause to hold the expert witness portion of the hearings by remote means on WebEx. The expert witness hearings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and will proceed in sequence as stated in the Scheduling Orders, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) On or before Tuesday, September 1, 2020, all parties to each docket shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearings by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;
- (2) On or before Tuesday, September 1, 2020, each party shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearings on the party's behalf to the following address: ncucwebex@ncuc.net;
- (3) On or before Thursday, September 10, 2020, each party shall file a list of its potential cross-examination exhibits for the hearings. Each party must also provide an electronic copy of its potential cross-examination exhibits which have been labeled with the party name and numbered sequentially notwithstanding the number of witnesses to the Commission and all other parties to the docket. For example, Public Staff 1, Public Staff 2, Public Staff 3, and so forth;
- (4) On or before Monday, September 14, 2020, each party shall file a list of any potential redirect exhibits for the hearings. Each party must also provide an electronic copy of its potential redirect exhibits labeled with the party name and numbered sequentially notwithstanding the number of witnesses to the Commission and all other parties to the docket;
- (5) Within two days after the hearings, each party shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and
- (6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearings, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or

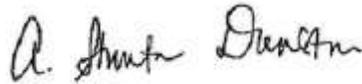
examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Chair or Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of August, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk