

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan	)	ORDER WAIVING IN PART
Reports and Related 2020 REPS	)	RULE R8-60(h)(2) AND GIVING
Compliance Plans	)	NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL
	)	PROCEEDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION: The Commission has held six public witness hearings on the 2020 biennial integrated resource plans and 2020 REPS compliance plans (IRPs), filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, collectively Duke), and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), in this docket. In addition, the Commission has received a voluminous number of statements of position, comments and reply comments from the public and the parties. The Commission appreciates the time and effort that all participants have devoted to this docket.

Although the record assembled thus far is extensive and on many topics is sufficient for the Commission to make a determination whether the IRPs comply with the requirements of Rule R8-60, the Commission has identified several topics of interest in DEP's and DEC's IRPs that the Commission believes warrant additional exploration and further consideration by the Commission prior to the issuance of a final order herein. The Commission has further determined that such additional information and examination will be most efficiently obtained by additional proceedings conducted in the present docket, rather than addressing them only after the Duke utilities have filed 2021 IRP update reports pursuant to Rule R8-60(h)(2).

The topics of interest to the Commission likely will be of importance in development of the two Duke utilities' 2022 biennial IRPs, but based on the record assembled thus far and the past history relative to IRP update reports, it is unlikely that they will be materially affected or clarified by update reports expected to be filed on or before September 1, 2021. The Commission strongly prefers that the two Duke utilities and all other parties focus their attention, time, and energy on providing information in the present proceeding concerning the 2020 biennial IRPs rather than on the development and review of interim 2021 update reports.

Based on the foregoing and the record herein, the Commission finds good cause to waive, in part, the requirement that DEP and DEC file 2021 updated IRPs under Rule R8-60(h)(2). The Commission expects to issue a subsequent order or orders scheduling

additional proceedings in this docket, setting forth the topics that will be considered in such proceedings, and detailing the procedures that will be followed in such proceedings.

Finally, the above waiver of Rule R8-60(h)(2) does not apply to DENC.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That except as hereafter provided, each of DEC and DEP shall be and are hereby, relieved of the obligation to file updated 2021 IRPs under Rule R8-60(h)(2);
2. That notwithstanding Ordering Paragraph No. 1 above, on or before September 1, 2021, each of DEC and DEP shall file with the Commission (a) their REPS Compliance Plans as required by Rule R8-60(h)(4) and Rule R8-67(b); (b) their CPRE Program Plan update as required by Rule R8-71(g)(1), and (c) any material modifications to the short-term action plans identified in their 2020 biennial IRPs as would be required by Rule R8-60(h)(3);
3. That the Commission will issue a subsequent order or orders scheduling additional proceedings applicable to DEP's and DEC's IRPs in this docket; and
4. That DENC shall proceed to comply with all requirements for filing an updated 2021 IRP under Rule R8-60(h)(2).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of June, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk