

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213

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 EXCUSING VOTE SOLAR
WITNESSES FROM TESTIFYING
AT EXPERT WITNESS HEARINGS

BY THE COMMISSION: 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). Further, the Consolidated Hearing Order confirmed that the consolidated hearing will be held remotely beginning 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.

On July 13, 2020, Vote Solar filed a Motion to Excuse Witnesses. In summary, Vote Solar stated that it has entered into Agreements of Settlement and Stipulation (Stipulations) with DEC and DEP resolving the contested issues between Vote Solar and the Companies on the Companies' proposed Grid Improvement Plan (GIP). Further, Vote Solar stated that as part of the Stipulations Vote Solar agreed to waive cross-examination on issues related to the GIP, and to seek to have its witnesses, James Van Nostrand and Tyler Fitch, excused from attending the expert witness hearings. Finally, Vote Solar stated that witnesses Van Nostrand and Fitch are designated to appear solely in the consolidated portion of the expert witness hearing to testify about the GIP.

On July 16, 2020, Vote Solar filed an amendment to its motion. Vote Solar stated that it had consulted with all parties regarding its motion, and that all parties have affirmatively waived the right to cross-examine witnesses Van Nostrand and Fitch.

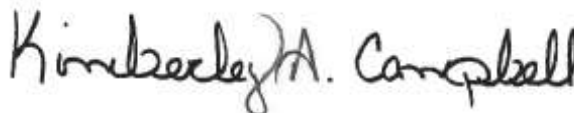
Based on Vote Solar's motion and the records in these dockets, the Commission finds good cause to excuse witnesses Van Nostrand and Fitch from testifying at the consolidated expert witness hearing in these dockets to be held beginning July 27, 2020, and from testifying at the separate DEC and DEP hearings to be scheduled. Further, the Commission finds good cause to admit into evidence at the consolidated hearing the testimony and exhibits of witnesses Van Nostrand and Fitch.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of July, 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