

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Investigation of Necessary and)	ORDER SUSPENDING
Appropriate Responses to the Novel)	REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL
Coronavirus COVID-19)	COPIES OF PAPER FILINGS

BY THE CHAIR: On March 27, 2020, the Commission issued an order in the above-captioned docket suspending the requirements of Commission Rules R1-5(g), R1-28, and others that persons file additional paper copies of documents electronically filed with the Commission. Noting that the Dobbs Building housing the Commission's offices is closed to the public, the Chair indefinitely extended the suspension of these requirements by orders issued on March 30, 2020, and April 16, 2020. As provided in the April 16, 2020 order, persons having business before the Commission are strongly encouraged to utilize the Commission's electronic filing system, and parties are directed not to attempt to hand deliver or even mail paper copies of testimony or other electronically filed documents unless and until ordered otherwise.

Consistent with Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Orders regarding the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, access to the Commission's offices remains limited, even to Commission employees. The Chair, therefore, finds good cause to further restrict the filing of paper copies of documents with the Clerk's Office. Thus, while the Commission continues to strongly encourage persons having business before the Commission to utilize the Commission's electronic filing system, as of the date of this Order, *persons choosing to make filings by United States mail or other mail services shall be required to provide one original document only; any and all requirements to provide additional paper copies of filed documents are hereby suspended pending further order of the Commission.*

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the requirement to file paper copies of documents electronically filed with the Commission continues to be suspended pending further order of the Commission;
2. That any requirement to file multiple paper copies of documents not electronically filed with the Commission is similarly suspended; and

3. That the Chief Clerk shall electronically serve a copy of this Order on all jurisdictional utilities and shall post notice of this Order on the Commission's website.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd 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 style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'A'.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk