

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

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In the Matter of )  
Application for Approval of Proposed )  
Prepaid Advantage Program )

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214 )

In the Matter of )  
Application of 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 )

**PUBLIC STAFF'S MOTION  
TO EXCUSE PUBLIC  
STAFF WITNESS  
DUSTIN R. METZ**

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NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF - North Carolina Utilities Commission  
by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that Public  
Staff witness Dustin R. Metz be excused from attending the evidentiary hearing for  
Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214.

In support of this Motion, the Public Staff states as follows:

1. On August 31, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Scheduling Expert Witness Hearing* to begin on September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

2. By a previous Order entered, August 13, 2020, Public Staff witness Metz was excused from attending the DEC-specific hearing.

3. Subsequent to the Commission's September 4, 2020 Order Granting Public Staff's Motion to Conduct Discovery and File Testimony, and Allowing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to File Rebuttal Testimony, the Public Staff, on September 8, 2020, filed the Second Supplemental Testimony of Dustin R. Metz.

4. The Public Staff has consulted with all parties in this matter regarding cross-examination of Public Staff witness Dustin R. Metz regarding his Second Supplemental Testimony. No party has indicated that they plan to cross-examine Mr. Metz.

5. The Public Staff therefore moves that Public Staff witness Metz be excused from attending the DEC specific evidentiary hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214 and that his Second Supplemental Testimony be admitted into evidence.

6. This Public Staff has contacted all parties regarding excusing Mr. Metz and no party objects.

**WHEREFORE**, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Excuse Public Staff Witness Metz from attending the evidentiary hearing for Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214;

2. That the pre-filed Second Supplemental Testimony of Public Staff witness Metz be accepted into evidence.

Respectfully submitted, this the 10th day of September, 2020.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Public Staff's Motion to Excuse Public Staff Witness Dustin R. Metz was served electronically or by depositing a copy in United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed to the parties of record.

This the 10th day of September, 2020.

Electronically submitted

/s/ John D. Little

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