

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1146

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress,	)	
LLC, Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.2 and	)	MOTION FOR
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel	)	EXTENSION
and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments	)	OF TIME
for Electric Utilities	)	

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves for an extension of time until Thursday, September 7, 2017, for itself and other intervenors to file their testimony in this docket. In support of this motion the Public Staff respectfully shows unto the Commission:

1. In this proceeding filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), pursuant to G.S. 62-133.2, for an adjustment to its rates to reflect changes in the cost of fuel and fuel-related costs, the deadline for the filing of the testimony of the Public Staff and other intervenors is today, September 5, 2017.

2. DEP has advised the Public Staff that later today or tomorrow it expects to file supplemental testimony reflecting a significant increase in its projected fuel and fuel-related costs for the billing period in this docket (December 2017 through November 2018), and seeking a corresponding increase in the rates to be charged in the billing period. The increase in projected costs is a result of N.C. Sess. L. 2017-192 (House Bill 589), which took

effect July 27, 2017, and amended G.S. 62-133.2(a1) to make additional types of expenses recoverable in a fuel adjustment proceeding.

3. On September 1, 2017, DEP provided the Public Staff with a draft of its supplemental testimony, and the Public Staff is generally in agreement with DEP that the additional costs DEP seeks to recover are appropriate. Nevertheless, prudence requires that the Public Staff carefully review DEP's actual filed testimony before filing its own testimony.

4. An extension of time until Thursday, September 7, 2017, will provide sufficient time for the Public Staff and other intervenors to prepare and file their testimony.

5. Counsel for DEP has previously notified the Public Staff that DEP will not object if the Public Staff requests a short extension of time, and the Public Staff does not believe that the extension proposed herein will be prejudicial to any other party

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff prays:

1. For an extension of time until Thursday, September 7, 2017, for itself and other intervenors to file their testimony in this docket; and
2. For such other and further relief as the Commission may deem just and proper.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Motion for Extension of Time of the Public Staff has been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Electronically submitted  
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