

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1197
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1195

In the Matter of
Application by Duke Energy Carolinas,)
LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)
for Approval of Proposed Electric)
Transportation Pilot) **ORDER PROVIDING
NOTICE OF HEARING TOPICS**

BY THE CHAIR: On March 29, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, Duke) filed an application in the above-captioned dockets pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-140 and various Commission rules requesting approval of Duke's proposed electric transportation pilot program.

On April 4, 2019, the Commission issued an Order requesting comments and reply comments on Duke's proposal. The Commission has received numerous statements of position from interested persons, and comments and reply comments from numerous parties.

On October 25, 2019, the Commission issued an Order in which the Commission set this docket for a hearing on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to provide the parties with the following list of some of the topics that the Commission expects to ask questions about during the hearing.

1. The potential for Duke to place a value on electric vehicle (EV) batteries for second use purposes, translate that value into a bill credit or rebate pilot program to encourage EV purchases, and learn from the pilot what benefits Duke can derive from second use batteries.
2. The design, implementation, and estimated cost of an EV "make ready" program, as recommended by NCSEA in its initial comments.
3. The extent to which Duke's proposal is consistent with NCDOT's work on the Federal Highway Association's Alternative Fuel Corridor program. For example, whether Duke has considered the benefits of placing charging stations at strategically located NCDOT, municipal or other state agency assets (e.g., rest areas, truck weighing stations, highway patrol offices and stations, airport parking decks, municipal and courthouse parking facilities).

4. The extent to which Duke has investigated the resources already available to municipalities and school systems for fleet conversions, and the public interest aspects of requiring Duke's ratepayers to partially support what would typically be projects financed by local property taxes.
5. The extent to which Duke considered the benefits to be derived from including in the proposed pilot special tariffs to encourage EV charging at times that would be optimum for its system operations.
6. The interplay between Session Law 2019-132, which exempts a reseller of electricity at a vehicle charging station from being a "public utility," with Duke's participation in a competitive vehicle charging station market.
7. The extent to which Duke considered participation in a competitive market for EV charging services through a non-regulated subsidiary of the Company.
8. Duke's plan for recovering the costs of the proposed pilot program.

Therefore, the Chair directs that Duke have available at the hearing Duke personnel who are prepared to address the above topics, as well as other issues involved in Duke's application for approval of its proposed electric transportation pilot program.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 1st day of November, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk