STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 551 DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 585

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Joint Application of Dominion Energy, Inc., and)	ORDER GRANTING IN PART
SCANA Corporation to Engage in a Business)	MOTION TO EXCUSE SEVERAL
Combination Transaction)	WITNESSES
)	AND REQUIRING
)	LATE-FILED EXHIBIT

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On January 24, 2018, Dominion Energy, Inc., and SCANA Corporation (collectively Applicants), filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111 in the above-captioned dockets for authorization to engage in a business combination transaction. Applicants also filed testimony of Thomas F. Farrell II, Jimmy E. Addison, Craig C. Wagstaff, D. Russell Harris, James R. Chapman and David Hunger in support of the application.

On June 19, 2018, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order that, among other things, set this matter for a public witness and expert witness hearing on October 10, 2018, and required Applicants to publish notice of the hearing.

In addition to the Public Staff, the intervenors in this proceeding are Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).

On September 27, 2018, the Public Staff filed joint testimony of four witnesses, Michael C. Maness, Jan. A. Larsen, James S. McLawhorn, and John R. Hinton

Also on September 27, 2018, Transco filed testimony of Camilo Amezquita.

On October 4, 2018, Applicants, the Public Staff and Transco (Stipulating Parties), filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation).

On October 5, 2018, Applicants filed testimony of D. Russell Harris and Thomas P. Wohlfarth in support of the Stipulation.

Also on October 5, 2018, the Stipulating Parties filed a motion requesting that their witnesses, other than witnesses Harris and Wohlfarth, be excused from attending the hearing scheduled in this matter for October 10, 2018. In summary, the Stipulating Parties state that all parties have waived cross-examination of the witnesses.

Based on the record and the Stipulating Parties' motion, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the Stipulating Parties' motion in part by excusing Thomas F. Farrell II, Jimmy E. Addison, Craig C. Wagstaff, James R. Chapman, David Hunger and Camilo Amezquita from attending the hearing on October 10, 2018, but requiring the attendance of the Public Staff's witnesses. In addition, the Chairman finds good cause to require Applicants to file a response by witness Hunger to the Commission questions attached hereto as Attachment A within 30 days of the date of this Order. Further, the parties should be prepared at the hearing to address questions about the advisability, legality and usefulness of the proposed, stipulated regulatory conditions.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of October, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Commission Questions for David Hunger

- 1. On page 5 of your testimony, you state that you performed "A quantitative market concentration analysis ... applying the HHI metric, for firm gas capacity in North Carolina." However, in the Application, your analysis is described as focusing on Transco's Zone 5. Your analysis includes "Proxy for Pass-Through" on Transco and defines that as 22% of the total market. Can that capacity be considered firm on a peak day?
- 2. In light of the reversal of flow on Transco's system, why did you analyze Zone 5 rather than just North Carolina?