

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213)

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)

**PUBLIC STAFF'S AMENDED
MOTION TO EXCUSE PUBLIC
STAFF WITNESS
JEFF T. THOMAS**

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)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF - North Carolina Utilities Commission
by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and moves that Public
Staff witness Jeff T. Thomas 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. 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 Supplemental Testimony of Jeff T. Thomas in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214.

3. The Public Staff contacted all parties and, with the exception of Harris Teeter LLC, all parties affirmatively stated that they agreed to waive cross-examination of Mr. Thomas and do not object to the introduction of witness Thomas' Supplemental Testimony into the record. Counsel for Harris Teeter LLC was contacted but did not respond to the request.

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

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission:

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

2. Accept Public Staff witness Thomas' Supplemental Testimony into evidence.

Respectfully submitted, this the 11th day of September, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 11th day of September, 2020.

Electronically submitted
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