

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan)	ORDER SCHEDULING DATES
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance)	FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
Plans)	REQUIRING NOTICE BY
)	PUBLIC STAFF

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On March 12, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Rescheduling Public Hearing (Rescheduling Order), regarding the regulated electric utilities' 2020 biennial integrated resource plans and 2020 REPS compliance plans (IRPs), filed by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, in the above-captioned docket. Among other things, the Rescheduling Order stated that the public witness hearing previously scheduled for March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., to receive public witness testimony on the IRPs would be rescheduled by the Commission to be held on several dates, and that the Public Staff would notify public witnesses who had registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021, of the specific dates of the revised hearing schedule and the logistics for presenting testimony.

The Public Staff received 211 requests to testify at the IRP hearing. Based on the Commission's experience over the past twelve months conducting public hearings virtually via remote connection, it was apparent that the Commission would be unable to hear even a small fraction of these public witnesses in a single evening. The Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to reschedule the IRP public witness hearing for several dates, with all hearings to be held remotely via Webex, and to begin at 6:00 p.m. The available hearing dates are April 14 and 19, and May 5, 12, 17 and 26, 2021. In addition to the notice provided in this Order, the Public Staff shall send an email to all persons who registered to testify informing each person of the date on which he/she will testify, and providing each person with the telephone number to call for the purpose of testifying on the person's appointed date. The Commission directs the Public Staff to evenly schedule the public witnesses across the six evenings.

In response to inquiries received by the Commission and the Public Staff from persons who registered to testify and from other interested persons, the Commission provides the following further guidance for persons wishing to testify remotely:

1. As was previously noticed, each public witness will be allowed five minutes to present testimony. Witnesses who wish to present more extended comments to the Commission may file with the Commission a written witness statement

that will become part of the record of this proceeding. Witness statements should be emailed to statements@ncuc.net with a reference to Docket No. E-100, Sub 165.

2. Due to limitations of the remote hearing technology, it will not be possible for witnesses at the public hearing to offer documents or display documents on a screen. Witnesses desiring to call the Commission's attention to studies, reports, analyses, data presentations, articles, or any other written material should email the Commission a written witness statement accompanied by the documents the witness wishes to include in the official record. There is an upload limitation of 35mb.
3. Due to the constraints of the Webex platform, it will not be possible for the Commission to call on witnesses to testify in an order different from the order in which they registered with the Public Staff or to allow persons to testify as substitutes for a witness whose name, telephone number, and e-mail address were registered with the Public Staff. Persons who did not register to testify with the Public Staff may submit written comments in this docket by emailing the Commission a "consumer statement" via this form on the Commission's website: <https://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html>. Again, the docket number for this proceeding should be included.
4. Witnesses will be assigned a hearing date in groups based on the order in which they are registered with the Public Staff. For each hearing date the Commission will receive testimony from all witnesses assigned to that date. Due to limitations on the ability to identify and call upon witnesses remotely using the Webex platform, it will not be possible for witnesses to choose alternative hearing dates.
5. Persons who wish to observe / listen to the hearing without participating may do so via a YouTube link that will be available each day on the Commission's website.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public witness hearings are scheduled to be held remotely via Webex beginning at 6:00 p.m., on April 14 and 19, and May 5, 12, 17, and 26, 2021; and
2. That the Public Staff shall send an email to all persons who registered to testify informing each person of the date on which they will testify, and providing each

person with the telephone number to call for the purpose of testifying on their appointed date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of March, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk