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 RESCHEDULING
Reports and Related 2020 REPS) PUBLIC HEARING
Compliance Plans)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On February 2, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Public Hearing on 2020 Biennial IRP Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans (Hearing Order) in the above-captioned docket. Among other things, the Hearing Order scheduled a public witness hearing for March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., to receive testimony on the 2020 biennial integrated resource plan reports (IRPs) filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). Further, the Hearing Order provided that the hearing would be held remotely via Webex, that DEC, DEP and DENC should publish notice of the hearing, and that persons desiring to testify should register with the Public Staff on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021.

The Public Staff received more than 150 requests to register to testify at the IRP hearing on March 16, 2021. The Commission is pleased to have this level of interest in the IRP hearing, but has determined that accommodating this number of witnesses on a single date for a remotely held hearing presents logistical and technical challenges. As a result, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to reschedule the IRP public witness hearing for several dates. The Commission will determine the appropriate dates and times, and will issue an order specifying those dates and times. No new public witness registration period will be opened, and all persons who previously registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021, will be notified by the Public Staff of the specific date on which their testimony will be received by the Commission, and the logistics for presenting their testimony.

In addition, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to direct that the Public Staff notify each person who registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021, that the hearing is being rescheduled, and that the Public Staff request confirmation from each such person of his or her telephone number and email address.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public witness hearing scheduled for March 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., will be rescheduled by the Commission to be held on several dates;

2. That the Public Staff shall as soon as practicable notify each person who registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021, that the hearing is being rescheduled, and shall request confirmation from each such person of his or her telephone number and email address;

3. That the Commission will issue a subsequent order specifying the rescheduled dates for the hearing; and

4. That after the issuance of the Commission's order specifying the rescheduled dates for the hearing the Public Staff shall notify the public witnesses who registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021, of the specific date on which the witness' testimony will be received by the Commission, and the logistics for presenting testimony.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of March, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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