

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 179

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Duke)	
Energy Carolinas, LLC, 2022 Biennial)	ORDER GRANTING
Integrated Resource Plans and Carbon)	EXTENSION OF TIME
Plan)	

BY THE CHAIR: On October 13, 2021, Governor Cooper signed into law House Bill 951 (S.L. 2021-165), directing the Commission to take all reasonable steps to achieve reductions in the emissions of carbon dioxide in this State from electric generating facilities owned or operated by certain electric public utilities. Section 1 of S.L. 2021-165 directs the Commission to achieve a reduction of 70% from 2005 levels by the year 2030 and carbon neutrality by the year 2050. The Commission is further directed to develop a plan (the Carbon Plan) to achieve these emission reductions by December 31, 2022.

In furtherance of meeting these statutory obligations, on November 19, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Filing of Carbon Plan and Establishing Procedural Deadlines (November 19, 2021 Order) requiring Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC, together with DEP, Duke) to conduct at least three stakeholder meetings before March 31, 2022, and to file a proposed Carbon Plan with the Commission by April 1, 2022.

On November 23, 2021, Duke filed a motion requesting a 45-day extension of time to file the proposed Carbon Plan and a corresponding extension of time to conduct the stakeholder meetings. In support of the motion, Duke states that the Commission's established deadlines are insufficient for it to adequately engage with stakeholders and conduct modeling necessary to developing the Carbon Plan. Duke further states that the Public Staff supports its request.

In light of the reasons detailed in Duke's motion, the Chair finds good cause to allow the extensions requested by Duke and accordingly extend the other deadlines contained in the Commission's November 19, 2021 Order.

The Chair notes that, under more routine circumstances, the Commission is generally amenable to granting requests for extension of time where good cause is shown by the movant and particularly when other parties support or do not object to the motion. The current proceeding is far from routine. Parties should be cognizant of the

December 31, 2022 Carbon Plan deadline and should make substantial efforts to adhere to deadlines established by the Commission in this order and future procedural orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That any persons desiring to become formal parties to this proceeding may file a petition to intervene on or before July 15, 2022;
2. That Duke shall file a proposed Carbon Plan that is consistent with the requirements described in Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of the Commission's November 19, 2021 Order by May 16, 2022;
3. That Duke shall conduct at least three stakeholder meetings as described in Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of the Commission's November 19, 2021 Order by May 13, 2022; and
4. That the Public Staff and any other intervenor may file a plan or report of its own or may file an evaluation of or comments on Duke's proposed Carbon Plan within 60 days from the filing of Duke's proposed Carbon Plan, as extended by the provisions of this Order, by July 15, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk