## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 148

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities – 2016

ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF LIST OF
WITNESSES AND ESTIMATED TIME
FOR CROSS EXAMINATION

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On June 22, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Biennial Proceeding, Requiring Data, and Scheduling Public Hearing (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order established the 2016 biennial proceedings held by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) and the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations implementing those provisions which delegated to the Commission certain responsibilities for determining each utility's avoided costs with respect to rates for purchases from qualifying cogenerators and small power production facilities. The Scheduling Order also made Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) (together Duke), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), Western Carolina University (WCU), and New River Light and Power Company (New River) parties to this proceeding (collectively, the Utilities). In addition, the Scheduling Order set out deadlines for various filings in this proceeding.

By separate orders subsequently issued in this docket, the Commission granted petitions to intervene filed by the following: the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville (FPWC), the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I, II, and III (collectively CIGFUR), the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE), Strata Solar, LLC (Strata Solar), the North Carolina Pork Council (NCPC), NTE Carolinas Solar, LLC (NTE), Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (Cypress Creek), O2 EMC, LLC (O2 EMC), and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC).

The Public Staff's intervention and participation in this proceeding is recognized pursuant to G.S. 62-15(d) and Commission Rule R1-19(e).

In preparation for the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017, the parties have filed a substantial volume of testimony. For the Commission's planning purposes, the Commission would find it helpful to have a forecast of the order of witnesses and the order and estimated time for cross-examination. Therefore, the Chairman finds good cause to require Duke to consult with all other parties and file, not later than April 13, 2017, a joint list of witnesses to be called at the hearing,

the order of witnesses, and the order and estimated time for cross-examination. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the remaining parties shall, not later than April 14, 2017, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> day of April, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk