

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Investigation of Necessary and)	ORDER EXTENDING
Appropriate Responses to the Novel)	DEADLINE FOR FILING
Coronavirus COVID-19)	ANNUAL REPORTS

BY THE CHAIR: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-36 and Commission Rule R1-32, “all public utilities doing business in the State of North Carolina and subject to regulation as to franchises, rates or services by the North Carolina Utilities Commission shall file annual reports of the operations of said public utility as soon as possible after the close of the calendar year, but in no event later than the 30th day of April of each year for the preceding calendar year.”¹ Such annual reports shall be under oath, which includes a notarized signature of the chief executive officer, senior level financial officer, or other responsible accounting officer making the report.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 declaring a State of Emergency in North Carolina to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). In so doing, the Governor ordered state agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Executive Order.

On March 27, 2020, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 121 taking the further step of imposing a statewide “stay at home” order restricting non-essential movement of the State’s residents until April 29, 2020, to further limit unnecessary person-to-person contact in workplaces and communities.

Due to the requirement for a notarized signature and the need to limit unnecessary personal contacts during this State of Emergency consistent with the Governor’s executive orders, the Chair finds good cause to extend from April 30, 2020, to July 30, 2020 the deadline for public utilities subject to Commission Rule R1-32 to file annual reports for calendar year 2019.

¹ Certain public utilities, such as interexchange carriers, competing local providers, and utility service resellers, are exempt from the annual reporting requirement by order or rule.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the deadline for public utilities subject to Commission Rule R1-32 to file annual reports pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-36 and Commission Rule R1-32 for calendar year 2019 shall be extended from April 30, 2020, to July 30, 2020;


2. That the Chief Clerk shall electronically serve a copy of this Order on all jurisdictional public utilities not otherwise exempt from the annual reporting requirement, and shall post notice of this Order on the Commission's website; and

3. That the Public Staff is requested to post notice of this Order on its website.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of April, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joann R. Snyder", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk