

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1214  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1213  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1187  
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219  
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1193

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Applications by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, ) ORDER ACCEPTING  
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for ) SUBMITTED PARTICIPANT  
Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable ) LIST FOR THE AFFORDABILITY  
to Electric Utility Service in North Carolina ) COLLABORATIVE

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 31, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. E-7, Subs 1214, 1213, and 1187 (DEC Rate Order), authorizing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), to adjust its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. On April 16, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulations, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice in Docket No. E-2, Subs 1219 and 1193 (DEP Rate Order), authorizing Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP; collectively with DEC, the Companies), to adjust its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina.

The Commission in the DEC and DEP Rate Orders, among other things, concluded that it was appropriate for the Companies to convene a stakeholder process that is tasked with addressing affordability issues for low-income residential customers (Affordability Collaborative), with a timeline for the process, including deadlines for periodic reporting and filing recommendations to the Commission. The Commission further directed stakeholder groups that wished to be included in the Affordability Collaborative should contact the Public Staff to signal their interest in participating and that

[a] final list of participants including support for their participation should be submitted to the Commission. After reviewing this recommended list, the Commission will either accept or suggest modifications to the list.

DEC Rate Order at 178-79.

On June 4, 2021, the Companies filed with the Commission an Update on the Collaborative on the Affordability of Electric Service for Low-Income Customers (Update). The Companies stated that they have worked with the North Carolina Justice Center

(NCJC), the Public Staff, and the North Carolina Attorney General's Office (AGO) to identify a pool of potential participants with experience, interest, or both, in issues regarding the affordability of electric service for low-income customers. The Companies explained that they sent this pool of potential participants an email to solicit their participation in the Affordability Collaborative. The Companies further included a list of interested stakeholders and identified participants as Appendix A to the Update (Participant List) and briefly explained the stakeholders' interest.

The Companies also explained the plan to engage a third party to facilitate the Affordability Collaborative. They stated that, for purposes of transparency and to engage an experienced and independent third party, the Companies issued a request for proposals (RFP) to a list of potential facilitators. Prior to issuing the RFP, the Companies worked with the Public Staff, the AGO, and NCJC in drafting the RFP and identifying potential bidders. The Companies attached a copy of the RFP as Appendix B to the Update and included an agreed-upon timeline for engaging the independent facilitator. The Companies also stated that it was anticipated that the first meeting of the Affordability Collaborative would be in early to mid-July. Finally, the Companies stated that the Public Staff reviewed the documents prior to filing.

To date, no other party has filed comments, suggestions, or objections to the Update or the submitted Participant List.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Commission finds good cause to accept the submitted Participant List, attached to this Order as Appendix A. The Commission also encourages the Companies to reach out to the public administrators of existing government funded low-income programs, e.g., the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Low-Income Weatherization Program, for their potential, future participation in the Affordability Collaborative. The Commission further concludes that the updated plan for the Affordability Collaborative may proceed as outlined in the Update.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of June 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk

**Interested Stakeholders and Participants in the Collaborative on the Affordability  
of Electric Utility Service for Low-Income Customers**

June 4, 2021

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