

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2)
and Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel)
and Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for)
Electric Utilities)
	ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT
	WITNESSES, ACCEPTING
	TESTIMONY, CANCELING
	HEARING, AND REQUIRING
	FILING OF PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 11, 2020, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), filed an application in the above-captioned docket for annual fuel charge adjustment proceedings for electric utilities engaged in the generation or production of electricity by fossil or nuclear fuels pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. In addition, DENC filed testimony and exhibits (testimony), of Jeffrey D. Matzen, Ronnie T. Campbell, Dale E. Hinson, Tim A. Brookmire, and George G. Beasley in support of its application.

On September 14, 2020, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a hearing be held remotely via Webex beginning immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 590 and 588, which are scheduled to begin on Webex on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. In addition, the Scheduling Order required DENC to publish a Public Notice of the hearing. The Public Notice stated that persons who wanted to provide public witness testimony at the hearing should register with the Public Staff by telephone or email, and that only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

On October 23, 2020, DENC filed a Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirements due to errors in the testimony of Company witness Beasley that resulted in the overall reduction in the fuel recovery being understated in the first notice. On that same date, DENC also filed the corrected testimony and exhibit of George G. Beasley.

On October 27, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirements and Requiring Amended Public Notice which waived the notice requirements of Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order, extend the time for individuals to register to speak at the hearing until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, and indicated the Commission would keep record in this docket open from 35 days from date of the publication of the amended notice to allow customers to submit written comments on the proposed rates.

On November 2, 2020, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Evan D. Lawrence, Michael C. Maness, and Jenny X. Li. No other party filed testimony.

On November 9, 2020, DENC filed the rebuttal testimony of Ronnie T. Campbell.

On November 10, 2020, DENC and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion requesting that Movant's expert witnesses be excused from attending the expert witness hearing, and that their testimony be received into evidence. Movants stated that they have reached agreement on all issues, and that each agrees to waive cross-examination of the other party's witnesses. Movants further stated that Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I, the other party to this docket, has also agreed to waive cross-examination of DENC's and the Public Staff's witnesses.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to excuse all DENC and Public Staff witnesses from testifying at the hearing, to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the hearing.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that the parties file proposed orders, joint proposed orders, or briefs on or before December 17, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DENC's and the Public Staff's witnesses are excused from testifying at the expert witness hearing on November 17, 2020, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;
2. That the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., is hereby canceled; and
3. That on or before December 17, 2020, the parties shall file proposed orders, joint proposed orders, or briefs.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk