

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 604

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)	ORDER EXCUSING EXPERT
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)	WITNESSES, ACCEPTING
Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side)	TESTIMONY, CANCELING
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost)	EXPERT WITNESS HEARING,
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9)	AND REQUIRING FILING OF
and Commission Rule R8-69)	PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On August 10, 2021, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), filed an application in the above-captioned docket for approval of cost recovery for DENC's demand-side management and energy efficiency (DSM/EE), programs pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. In addition, DENC filed testimony and exhibits (testimony), of Michael T. Hubbard, Edmund J. Hall, Jarvis E. Bates, Justin A. Wooldridge, Christopher C. Hewett, and Casey R. Lawson in support of its application.

On August 23, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order that, among other things, scheduled this matter for a public witness and expert witness hearing to be held immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 603, which was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition, the Scheduling Order required DENC to publish a Public Notice of the hearing.

Petitions to intervene were filed by and granted for Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (CUCA), and Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I (CIGFUR).

On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued an Order rescheduling the expert witness portion of the hearing to be held on Monday, November 22, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, and leaving the public witness hearing to be held on November 16, 2021, the same date as initially scheduled.

On October 26, 2021, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Thomas C. Williamson, Jr., and Michael C. Maness. No other party filed testimony.

On November 16, 2021, DENC and the Public Staff (Movants), filed a joint motion requesting that Movants' expert witnesses be excused from attending the expert witness hearing, and that their testimony be received into evidence. In summary, Movants stated that there are no conflicting positions between the Public Staff and DENC, and that they

have agreed on DENC's Rider C and Rider CE rates, as proposed by DENC. Further, Movants stated that each agrees to waive cross-examination of the other party's witnesses, and that CUCA and CIGFUR have also agreed to waive cross-examination of DENC's and the Public Staff's witnesses. In addition, Movants requested that the expert witness hearing be held remotely rather than in person.

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 expert witness hearing, to receive the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence, and to cancel the expert witness hearing.

Further, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to require that DENC and the Public Staff file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, on or before December 17, 2021, and that the other parties file briefs and/or proposed orders by the same date, if they desire to file briefs and/or proposed orders.

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 Monday, November 22, 2021, and the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits are hereby admitted into evidence;
2. That the expert witness hearing scheduled in this docket for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., is hereby canceled; and
3. That on or before December 17, 2021, DENC and the Public Staff shall file proposed orders, or a joint proposed order, and the other parties may file briefs and/or proposed orders if they so desire.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th 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