

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plans and	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS
Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans	)	FOR LEAVE AND ALTERING
	)	START TIME FOR TECHNICAL
	)	CONFERENCE

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 12, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Technical Conference and Requiring Filing of Report. The Order provides, in relevant part, that “[t]he Commission would . . . find it helpful to hear directly on [distribution system planning] from NCEMC and other distribution operators interested in participating in the technical conference” and . . . that “NCEMC, ElectriCities, and other distribution system operators wishing to make presentations to the Commission at the technical conference shall file a motion for leave to do so no later than the close of business on January 22, 2021.”

On January 22, 2021, the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) filed a Motion for Leave to Participate in Technical Conference. On that same date, ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc., North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency and North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (collectively the Municipal Agencies) also filed a Motion for Leave to Participate in Technical Conference. The Presiding Commissioner is of the opinion that good cause exists to approve these motions from NCEMC and the Municipal Agencies.

North Carolina is committed to address climate change and transition to a clean energy economy, as evidenced in its Clean Energy Plan and ongoing activities. The Commission believes that establishing comprehensive utility system planning processes that connect generation, transmission, and distribution planning in a holistic, iterative and transparent process are essential to honoring this commitment. One goal of the technical conference is to enable the Commission to understand and encourage existing and potential collaborative efforts of the various distribution system owners and operators in the State, whether they be regulated or unregulated by the Commission. The Commission has no preconceived notions as to where such collaboration may lead. The Commission views the technical conference as an extension of significant work and collaboration already underway in the State.

NCEMC has requested that it be permitted an independent opportunity to separately offer its observations and concerns regarding comprehensive utility planning as it relates to incorporation of the distribution operator concept. The Presiding

Commissioner is of the opinion that such a discussion is both necessary and appropriate to advancing stakeholder collaboration within the State.

In order to ensure that the full Commission may participate in the entirety of the technical conference, the conference will now begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2021, rather than the originally scheduled time of 1:00 p.m. The time allotted to each of the presentations, including potential questions from the Commissioners, is as follows:

Chris Ayers/Sushma Masemore (30 minutes)  
Duke (60 minutes)  
Dominion (45 minutes)  
NCEMC (45 minutes)  
Municipal Agencies (45 minutes)

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That NCEMC, ElectriCities, and the Municipal Agencies are hereby granted leave to participate in the ISOP Technical Conference by making presentations to the Commission; and
2. That the starting time of the Technical Conference is hereby changed to 9:00 a.m. on the originally scheduled date, March 9, 2021.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of January, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk