



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC STAFF
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

June 2, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-7, Sub 1230
Public Staff's Consent to Remote Hearing

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On February 25, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, filed an application in the above-captioned docket for adjustments to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider.

On March 17, 2020, the Commission issued an Order scheduling the public and evidentiary hearings for June 9, 2020, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On May 29, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling Remote Hearings for Expert Witness Testimony* (Scheduling Order). The Order states that the expert witness hearing will be held by remote means on WebEx. Additionally, the Commission's Order provides that on or before Wednesday, June 3, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means on WebEx, or a statement objecting to same. The Order further provides that parties may not disclose confidential information during the hearing.

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of the Scheduling Order, the Public Staff hereby states its consent to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means in the E-7, Sub 1230 proceeding. The Public Staff notes that the testimony and an exhibit of its witness, J. Robert Hinton, contains confidential information, but it believes that it should be possible to avoid disclosing confidential information. The Public

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Staff respectfully requests, however, that if it becomes necessary to disclose confidential information in response to a question, that the hearing be reconvened in person for that purpose.

The Public Staff will send directly to the Chief Clerk the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearing on the Public Staff's behalf on or before Thursday, June 4, 2020, pursuant to paragraph (2) of the Scheduling Order. The Public Staff will also file any potential cross-examination exhibits on or before Thursday, June 4, 2020, pursuant to paragraph (3) of the Scheduling Order.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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c: Parties of Record