

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. M-100, SUB 158

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Investigation of Necessary and) ORDER REINSTATING
Appropriate Responses to the Novel) REQUIREMENT FOR FILING
Coronavirus COVID-19) PAPER COPIES

BY THE CHAIR: Following Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 116 declaring a State of Emergency in North Carolina in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission issued orders on March 27, March 30, April 16, and July 23, 2020, generally suspending the requirements of Commission Rules R1-5(g), R1-28, and others for persons to provide additional paper copies of documents filed with the Commission. Public access to the Commission's offices in the Dobbs Building have remained limited since pandemic-related restrictions were implemented in March 2020.

As of July 26, 2021, the Chief Clerk's Office will reopen for the receipt of paper filings. Therefore, beginning with filings made on or after July 26, 2021, additional paper copies of documents filed with the Commission *will be required* as provided in the Commission's rules. *Persons are not required to, and should not, provide additional paper copies of any documents filed with the Commission prior to July 26, 2021, unless directed otherwise by order in a specific docket.* The Commission continues to encourage persons having business before the Commission to utilize the Commission's electronic filing system.


IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That all requirements of the Commission's rules to provide additional paper copies of documents filed with the Commission are hereby reinstated beginning July 26, 2021;
2. That the Chief Clerk shall electronically serve a copy of this Order on all jurisdictional utilities and shall post notice of this Order on the Commission's website; and
3. That the Public Staff is requested to post notice of this Order on its website.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk