

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1219

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	ORDER SUSPENDING
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in North)	CONTINUING HEARING
Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 30, 2019, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), filed its Application for General Rate Case in the above-captioned docket.

On December 6, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-134, established that the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Wednesday, March 25, 2020; that the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Company, if any, shall be filed on or before Tuesday, April 14, 2020; and that the Company shall consult with all other parties and file, not later than April 27, 2020, a list of witnesses to be called at the expert witness hearing, the order of witnesses, and each party's estimated time for cross-examination of each witness, and if the parties cannot reach agreement, the remaining parties shall, no later than May 1, 2020, make a filing indicating their points of disagreement with the Company's filing. The Scheduling Order also scheduled the expert witness hearing to begin in Raleigh on Monday, May 4, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, the North Carolina Attorney General's Office and the Public Staff filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission postpone or suspend the requirement that parties file paper copies of their testimony and exhibits at this time.

On March 19, 2020, the Presiding Commissioner issued an Order finding good cause to postpone, but not to completely suspend the requirement that paper copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors be provided to the Commission, and that the procedural schedule would otherwise remain the same.

On March 24, 2020, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the time for filing intervenors' direct testimony be extended to March 27, 2020. In support of its motion, the Public Staff discussed the State of Emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disrupted work schedules, necessitated a transition to telework by many Public Staff employees, and made it difficult to complete testimony by

the original March 25, 2020 deadline. The Public Staff requests a two-day extension for the filing of direct testimony and exhibits for intervenors and a two-day extension for the filing of rebuttal testimony. In addition, the Public Staff named numerous parties who support the relief requested, and no party has objected to the motion.

Based on the foregoing and the record, and due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule in this matter, including the dates for the filing of direct and rebuttal testimony and exhibits, and to continue the expert witness hearing currently scheduled for May 4, 2020, pending further order of the Commission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 24th day of March, 2020.

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