BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-385-E and 2005-386-E - ORDER NO. 2007-192

MARCH 15, 2007

IN RE:	Docket No. 2005-385-E – Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.	) ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION OF DOCKETS
	and	
	Docket No. 2005-386-E – Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.	)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the Consent Motion to Consolidate ("the Consent Motion") Docket Nos. 2005-385-E ("Net Metering") and Docket No. 2005-386-E ("Smart Metering") filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC with the consent of all parties to the Dockets. The reasons for the Consent Motion are commonality of parties, subject matter, and prospective witnesses.

We have considered the filings in these Dockets and recognize the commonality of the two dockets. However, although we desire to accommodate the parties in these dockets, we also recognize that separate and distinct issues with regard to net metering and smart metering must be considered. Although the parties in both dockets are

identical, the Protestants in the dockets are not. Therefore, we will grant relief which we believe is a compromise, but will meet the needs of all concerned.

Accordingly, we hold that Docket Nos. 2005-385-E and 2005-386-E will be administratively consolidated for the purposes of scheduling, such that the same testimony due dates will apply in each Docket. However, a separate hearing will be held on each docket, and the Commission Staff is directed to schedule the hearings sequentially. The hearing in Docket No. 2005-385-E (Net Metering) is to be scheduled first, with the hearing in Docket No. 2005-386-E (Smart Metering) to follow immediately. This Commission will rule in each docket separately and issue an order in each docket.

We hold that this solution considers both the commonality and distinctiveness of the dockets, but provides efficiency in preparation by the parties and allows the public to participate in the hearing of interest to them.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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