

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. [2019-226-E](#) ORDER NO. 2020-85-H

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Standing Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (“DESC”)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

On September 9, 2020, the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc. moves for an extension of the deadline set to pre-file Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits in this Docket.

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

On September 9, 2020, counsel for South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc. (“SCSBA”) filed a motion requesting a two-week extension of the current deadline (which is September 18, 2020) to file Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits in this Docket. The two-week extension would result in a new filing deadline of October 2, 2020 for the filing of Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits. The SCSBA asserts that additional time is needed due to the large volume of information under review and the numerous changes in DESC’s modeling resulting in a Supplemental IRP which is part of DESC’s Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits filed on August 28, 2020 for DESC witnesses Bell and Neely.

According to the SCSBA, DESC witness Bell’s Rebuttal Testimony includes Exhibit No. EHB-3, which is a Supplemental IRP reflecting numerous changes to DESC’s modeling as suggested by ORS and one change requested by SCSBA. Additionally, SCSBA argues DESC witness Neeley testifies in his Rebuttal Testimony that “DESC also increased the number of scenarios it modeled, from 64 in the original IRP to 144 in the supplemental IRP. As a result, in preparing its Surrebuttal Testimony SCSBA must review more than twice as much modeling information and data as it had to review in preparing its initial testimony. Given the large volume of information it must now review and analyze, SCSBA requires additional time to respond.” *SCSBA September 9, 2020 Motion for Extension, p. 1.*

DESC previously agreed on or about August 4, 2020, to the extension for more time by other parties when DESC itself was seeking consent for its own extension of time. *SCSBA September 9, 2020 Motion for Extension, p. 2.*

On September 14, 2020, the Southern Environmental Law Center filed a letter in response expressing its support of SCSBA's request to extend the deadline for surrebuttal testimony and exhibits to October 2, 2020.

No other parties have filed a response or objected. Due to the urgency of this request with an approaching current deadline of September 18, 2020, there is good cause for this matter to be expedited as the expiration of a ten (10) day response would expire after the current pre-filing Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibit deadline to the detriment of the moving party.

Pursuant to Commission Rules 103-831, 103-800 and 103-829, the Commission finds and concludes that good cause exists for the request for extension by SCSBA. The request for a two-week extension to the deadline for the pre-filing of Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits is ***granted***. The new and amended date for filing of Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits by other parties is Friday, October 2, 2020.

There is no change to the hearing as rescheduled by Commission on August 26, 2020 for the week of October 12, 2020 with the hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12th, and continuing each day thereafter at the call of the Chair until completed. The parties also remain instructed to reserve the following Monday thru Wednesday of the next week, which is October 19th thru 21st, as possible additional hearing days.

The Clerk's Office is asked to re-set and repost the amended date of October 2, 2020 as the deadline for the filing of Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits by other parties in this Docket.

NEW DEADLINE:

OTHER PARTIES' SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS: due October 2, 2020