

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Duke Energy)	Docket Nos. 52-018-COL
(Combined License, William States)	52-019-COL
Lee III Units 1 and 2))	

**REQUEST OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY HEARING
AND TO BE ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL SERVICE LIST**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.315, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) respectfully requests the opportunity to participate in any hearing regarding the application filed by Duke Energy on December 12, 2007, and supplemented on January 28, 2008, February 6, 2008, and February 8, 2008, for a combined license for William States Lee III Units 1 and 2 to be located in Cherokee County, South Carolina, and to be added to the official service list in this proceeding.

In support of its request, the NCUC states as follows:

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

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REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.315, “The presiding officer will afford an interested State, ... which has not been admitted as a party under § 2.309, a reasonable opportunity to participate in a hearing.”

In the State of North Carolina, Duke Energy is a vertically-integrated utility engaged in the business of generating, transmitting, distributing, and selling electric power to the public pursuant to an exclusive franchise granted under State law. Duke Energy provides retail electric service to more than 1,766,000 retail customers in North Carolina. The majority of the electricity delivered by Duke Energy to its retail customers in North Carolina is generated at facilities owned or controlled by Duke Energy, including facilities located in North and South Carolina. The cost of service for Duke Energy’s North Carolina retail customers will be affected by the Commission’s decision with respect to Duke Energy’s application.

The NCUC, an agency of the State of North Carolina, has jurisdiction over the rates, terms and conditions of service provided by Duke Energy to retail customers in North Carolina.¹ The NCUC “is authorized and empowered to initiate or appear in such

¹ “[A]uthority shall be vested in the North Carolina Utilities Commission to regulate public utilities generally, their rates, services and operations....” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-2(b).

proceedings before federal and State courts and agencies as in its opinion may be necessary to secure for the users of public service in this State just and reasonable rates and service”²

WHEREFORE, the NCUC respectfully requests that the Commission grant it the opportunity to participate in any hearing regarding Duke Energy’s application in this matter, including the right “to introduce evidence, interrogate witnesses where cross-examination by the parties is permitted, advise the Commission without requiring the representative to take a position with respect to the issue, file proposed findings in those proceedings where findings are permitted, and petition for review by the Commission under § 2.341 with respect to the admitted contentions,” and to be added to the official service list in this proceeding.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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² N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-48(a).

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