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PSC Announces Hearing in Renewable Energy Integration Docket and Deadlines for Filing for Parties of Record

Columbia, South Carolina—The Public Service Commission has scheduled a hearing in <u>Docket No. 2023-369-</u> <u>E</u>, which relates to the PSC's determination of the need for independent study to evaluate the integration of renewable energy and emerging energy technologies into South Carolina's electric grid. This hearing will be held on February 21st, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the PSC's office (101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210).

At their Commission Business Meeting of October 26th, 2023, the Public Service Commission issued Order No. 2023-804, which ordered that the Commission will "open a docket for the purpose of determining if it should initiate an independent study to evaluate the integration of renewable energy and emerging technologies into the electric grid for the public interest" and to "determine what is required for electrical utilities to integrate increased levels of renewable energy and emerging energy technologies while maintaining economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest." Per the Order, the Commission will "make this determination based on the evidence presented during a formal hearing where the electrical utilities, interested parties, and the [Office of Regulatory Staff] have the opportunity [to] present their positions to the commission subject to cross examination by the electrical utilities, interested parties, and the Office of Regulatory Staff, along with commissioner questions." Those interested in participating in this public hearing are notified of the following deadlines:

- All Parties of Record, including the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), must prefile with the Commission and serve direct testimony and exhibits upon all Parties of Record on or before January 24th, 2024.
- All Parties of Record, including the ORS, may file rebuttal testimony, if desired, on or before February 7th, 2024.

Stakeholders may participate by filing a letter of protest or a petition to intervene. For information on how to file a letter of protest or a petition to intervene or for more details, please consult the Notice of Filing and Public Hearing <u>at this link</u>. For more information, please reach out to the Public Service Commission at <u>contact@psc.sc.gov</u> or at 803.896.5100.

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