

The Carolinas Carbon Plan

A public input process to develop a cleaner energy future.



OCT 13, 2021

Bipartisan legislation is signed into law requiring the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to develop a carbon plan by DEC. 31, 2022.



NOV 19, 2021

NCUC orders Duke Energy to present a carbon plan proposal for consideration by MAY 16, 2022 and to convene at least (3) three stakeholder sessions to gather input on the carbon plan from the public.

NCUC opens docket, providing an additional avenue for public comment and participation.



JAN 25, FEB 23, MAR 22, 2022

Duke Energy, through a third-party facilitator, hosts three (3) stakeholder sessions including both North Carolina and South Carolina stakeholders and files public reports with regulators.



MAY 16, 2022

As ordered, Duke Energy files its proposed carbon plan.

NCUC to hold a public process on the development of a carbon plan.



DEC 31, 2022

Due date for the NCUC to release the carbon plan.



Frequently Asked Questions

1.

Why do we need a carbon plan?

The North Carolina Utilities Commission must develop a carbon plan to achieve a reduction of 70% CO₂ emissions by 2030 and net-zero by 2050 from electric generation in North Carolina through least cost planning while providing continued reliability and affordable rates for customers. The resources in the Carolinas Carbon Plan will serve customers in both North Carolina and South Carolina.

The process to produce a carbon plan was mandated by the new state law resulting from the bipartisan passage of HB 951 in October 2021.

2.

Who's in charge of producing the carbon plan?

The NCUC must produce a plan by Dec. 31, 2022, to achieve a reduction of 70% CO₂ emissions by 2030 and net-zero by 2050 from electric generation in North Carolina. It will also be subject to review and approval by the PSCSC.

3.

Is Duke Energy leading the process to produce a carbon plan?

The NCUC ordered Duke Energy to lead a public stakeholder input gathering process that will produce a carbon plan proposal. However, the NCUC is ultimately responsible for issuing the carbon plan. Hundreds of organizations in both North Carolina and South Carolina are participating in the effort, leading to an inclusive, transparent, public input gathering process that will fully inform the commission's ultimate plan.

4.

What happens after the NCUC issues the carbon plan?

Once the NCUC issues its final order on the carbon plan in December 2022, it will be reviewed at least every two years by the NCUC in a public forum and may be adjusted as necessary. The NCUC has discretion to determine timing and resource mix to achieve both least cost compliance and CO₂ reduction goals. The NCUC must ensure that the Carbon Plan preserves or improves grid adequacy and reliability as generation and resource change over time.

5.

How can I be involved?

The carbon plan will be developed through a public process that provides opportunities to monitor progress and provide public input. You may follow the process and **sign up to participate in stakeholder sessions** by visiting duke-energy.com/CarolinasCarbonPlan.