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November 8, 2022

Antonia Dunston, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Docket No. E-22, Sub 644

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication, which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 2 of the Commission's October 19, 2022 *Order Requiring Second Public Notice* ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 1 of the October Order, notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in its service area on two dates at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren W. Biskie

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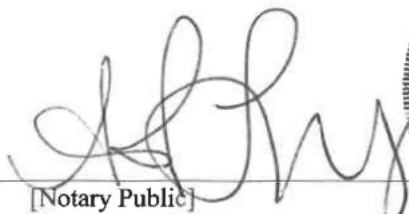
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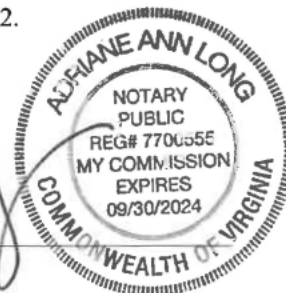
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October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. 22-0-411
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against MARY BARTON LAM, AKA, MARY LUCAS LAM, deceased, of Granville County, N.C., are notified to submit the same to the undersigned on or before Jan. 12, 2023, or the claims will be placed in bar of recovery. Debts of the decedent are subject to review and payment.

The 14th day of October, 2022.
NOELLE KATHLEEN LAM, EXECUTRIX
2228 Orion Ct.
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The Butner-Creedmoor News
October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. 22-0-409
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Gwendolyn Marie Irigoin, deceased, of Granville County, N.C., are notified to submit the same to the undersigned on or before Jan. 12, 2023, or the claims will be placed in bar of recovery. Debts of the decedent are subject to review and payment.

The 14th day of October, 2022.
DEBRA HUGHES IRIGAIN, FIDUCIARY
2004 West Road
Greensboro, NC 27402
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October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2022

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety at Raleigh, NC, in the office of HCBP's Criminal Engineering, One 4th 2000 Veterans Road, Raleigh, NC (hand delivered); CAD Center, Inc., 4114 Main Street, Raleigh, NC 27606-6116 (mailing address); or to 210 PM 11/20/2022 and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read in the presence of the undersigned. The opening will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, 11/15/2022 at 1001 Veterans Road, Butner NC 27409 (at the Fire Suppression Tank). The opening will address project specific questions, including, but not limited to, bid items, bid items, bidding procedures and bid forms. Failure to attend the Pre-Bid Conference will disqualify your company from bidding. The meeting is also to identify potential bid items and their performance standards that the owner will consider for approval on the project.

Questions must be submitted to the Executive of the undersigned by email on Monday, November 21, 2022. Responses will be provided by email on Monday, November 21, 2022. Responses must be received by email on Monday, November 21, 2022. Responses must be received by email on Monday, November 21, 2022. Responses must be received by email on Monday, November 21, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. 22-0-402
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Dorothy Nicole Weaver, deceased, of Granville County, N.C., are notified to submit the same to the undersigned on or before Jan. 12, 2023, or the claims will be placed in bar of recovery. Debts of the decedent are subject to review and payment.

The 14th day of October, 2022.
JACOB A. WEAVER, FIDUCIARY
2711 N. WHEELER, ALEXANDRIA
27111 NC Hwy 58
Raleigh, NC 27606
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October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. 22-0-403
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Dorothy Nicole Weaver, deceased, of Granville County, N.C., are notified to submit the same to the undersigned on or before Jan. 12, 2023, or the claims will be placed in bar of recovery. Debts of the decedent are subject to review and payment.

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SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Cost Recovery in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133.2 and NCUC Rule 62-05.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the regular rate of review proceedings for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Double Duke Building, 300 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 62-05 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rates is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 62-05(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 62-05. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023. The fuel charges of the utility are subject to review and adjustment by the Commission. The Commission has the authority to increase or decrease the fuel charges of the utility. The Commission has the authority to increase or decrease the fuel charges of the utility. The Commission has the authority to increase or decrease the fuel charges of the utility.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Substantive Order). Among other things, the Substantive Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to Include the Company's deferral balance for the month of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges received in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 3.909 cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) for residential customers; 2.567¢ cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2.569¢ cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.949¢ cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; 2.526¢ cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 2.509¢ cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during the period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, by \$24.91, or an increase of approximately 2.1%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Supplied Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024: 1.955¢ cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) for residential customers; 1.297¢ cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.250¢ cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.255¢ cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; 1.251¢ cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1.255¢ cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during the period of February 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, by \$24.91, or an increase of approximately 2.1%.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's applications on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.org.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the written staff is to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be submitted to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4124 Main Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606-4000.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection Division, 5001 Main Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606-4000.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, c/o Main Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606-4000 and reference Docket No. 22-0-402, 22-0-403, 22-0-404. Written statements should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the public hearing. Written statements should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the public hearing. Written statements should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the public hearing.

This is the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Eric L. Green, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Stassen (Stacy) Mae Middgett Charity
Stassen (Stacy) Mae Middgett Charity, wife of Major Charity and mother of Ivette Middgett Drakeford, was born November 28, 1921 in Columbia, NC. She left for her Heavenly Home from Greenville, NC on October 16, 2023. Arrangements are as follows:
Wake
Place: Rowston Funeral Home, 410 Railroad Street, Columbia, NC 27925
Date: Saturday, October 29
Time: 6-8 p.m. EST
Funeral Service
Place: Columbia High School Gymnasium, 909 Main Street, Columbia NC 27925
Date: Sunday, October 30
Time: 11 a.m. EST
Repos will be in the school lunchroom immediately following the service.
Flowers or cards can be sent to the following address:
Rowston Funeral Home, 410 N. Oshum St. Edenton, NC 27922

Ned Thomas Brickhouse
Ned Thomas Brickhouse, 64, died October 23, 2023, at ECU Health Chatham Hospital. He was born in Tyrrell County on September 10, 1958 to the late Joseph Thomas and Eunice Marie Jones Brickhouse.
The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on October 26 at the Bryant Funeral Service Chapel in Columbia. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on October 27 at the Soundside Free Will Baptist Church with interment to follow in the church cemetery.
Survivors include wife Tracey Brickhouse; sons Brandon Todd Brickhouse (Jessica), Brandon B. Brickhouse (Jennifer) and Justin Sinclair Brickhouse (Stacy); daughters Amy B. Viverette (Adam) and Sarah Mokey (Jonathan); 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Shelia Reynolds, Marie Armstrong, and

Monica Liverman and other family.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Soundside Free Will Baptist Church Youth Group, C/O Kathy R. Calkoon, PO Box 125, Columbia, NC 27925.
Arrangement by Bryant Funeral Service, Columbia.

Michael Thomas Ellis Jr.
Michael Thomas Ellis Jr., 77, of Elizabeth City, died October 19, 2023 at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center. He was born April 3, 1945 in Wareham, Mass. to the late Michael Thomas Ellis Sr. and Jeanne DeCosta Ellis. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.
Survivors include wife Judith Powers Ellis; sons Kevin Michael Ellis (Jennifer) and Scott Joseph Ellis; sisters Barbara Leat and Kathleen Stewart; brother Patrick Ellis (Diane) and three grandchildren.
Memorial service with military honors will take place at 2 p.m. on October 26 at Twiford Memorial Chapel with visitation one hour prior to the service.
The family is serving the family.
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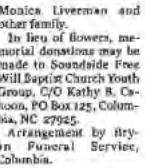
Jasper Donnie Ganiel
Jasper Donnie Ganiel, 76, of Currituck, died October 21, 2023 at home. He was born February 15, 1944 in Dare County to the late Jasper Robert Ganiel and Nancy Pearl Middgett Ganiel. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.
Survivors include wife Nancy Wilson Ganiel; daughters Toni M. Hawkins (Nick) and Malissa Ganiel (Erlin); 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by two sisters and two brothers.
Memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 27 at Twiford Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jasper's name to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, <https://www.lbd.org/donate/>.
Twiford Funeral Homes is serving the family.
www.TwifordFH.com

Rena Grace Garrih Gaskill
Rena Grace Garrih Gaskill, 87, of Ocracoke, died October 23, 2023, at her home. A native of Ocracoke Island, she was born October 19, 1935, to the late Maude Williams Garrih and Uriah Wahab Garrih.
In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by husband Thurston F. Gaskill, son David Fuller Gaskill and sister Helen Brittain Helmsstill.
Survivors include daughter Rena Dell Garrih; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings Maude Ellen Ballance, Chaele Ann O'Neal and Robert Charles Garrih.
Gravestone memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on October 29 at the Ocracoke Community Cemetery.
Twiford Funeral Homes is assisting the family.
www.TwifordFH.com

Cecil Calvin Harrelson Jr.
Cecil Calvin Harrelson Jr., 74, of Elizabeth City, died October 12, 2023 at Tabor City to the late Cecil Calvin Harrelson Sr. and Clyde Lee Prince Harrelson. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.
Survivors include daughters Stephanie Caffee (Jason), Sarah Gustafson (Stefan) and Jennifer Harrelson (Gerrard); brother Larry R. Harrelson Sr. (Genette); four grandchildren; partner Jenn Walker and other family.
Twiford Funeral Homes is serving the family.
www.TwifordFH.com
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veteran Program at Outward Bound. www.outwardbound.org/donate

James Louis Heinrich
Jim Heinrich, 90, of Southern Shores, died October 24, 2023. He was the son of Kenneth C. Heinrich and Ada L. Cook Heinrich of Brookport, NY, born December 23, 1933.
Survivors include wife Glazy, son Bill Heinrich, daughters Kathy Heinrich and Janet Groat (Fred T. Groat); two grandchildren two great-grandchildren. Jim was predeceased by sister Ruth Anne Heinrich Beany.
The family will hold a private service graveside

David Thomas Kopacz
David Thomas Kopacz, of the Outer Banks, died October 17, 2023 at home. He was born December 15, 1931 to William and Phyllis Kopacz.
David was predeceased by his parents. Survivors include wife Chris; children Heather, Daniel (Nashia), Corey and Brandon (Christy); stepdaughters Stacey Shifflett (Dumy) and Stephanie Ward (Jake); 10 grandchildren, sisters Doreen Pouliot (Serge) and Denise Moustany (Jim) and other family.
There will be no services. Donations may be made to your local humane society or SPCA in the name of his best buddy Woody.
Twiford Funeral Homes is serving the family.
www.TwifordFH.com



Lynwood Jordan Putnam Jr.
Lynwood Jordan Putnam Jr., 80, of Manteo, died October 22, 2023 at home. Born in New York City, NY on July 15, 1943, he was the son of the late Lena Price Daniels and Linwood Putnam. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.
Survivors include sons Joe Putnam (Emily), David Putnam and Robbie Putnam (Audrey) and six grandchildren.
Gravestone memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on October 28 in Manteo Cemetery.
Twiford Funeral Homes is assisting the family.
www.TwifordFH.com

James Clifton Rountree Jr.
James Clifton Rountree Jr., 64, of South Mills, died October 19, 2023 at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. He was born in Pasquotank County on June 2, 1958 to Alma Rose Rountree and the late James Clifton "JC" Rountree.
Survivors include his mother, Grace Teresa Morgan and her children, stepson Chris White (Julie) and other family.
Funeral service was held October 25, 2023.
Twiford Funeral Homes, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 is serving the Rountree family. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.TwifordFH.com.

Memorial donations may be made to Soundside Free Will Baptist Church, 200 North Road Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

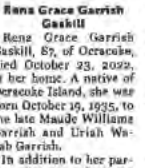
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
ROCKET NO. E-22-509-644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Rates for Service Customers during the Year 2024. DENC proposes the rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stripped Migration rate. An RFLI, like proposed Full Recovery rate request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$17.76 – an increase of 10%. An RFLI, like the proposed Stripped Migration request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$27.39 – an increase of 16%. The Stripped Migration request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$27.39 – an increase of 16% for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those rates for DENC's Full Recovery request.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed rate adjustments for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled for Rocket No. E-22-509-644, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Double Building, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-131.5 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rates is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2023, DENC filed its application (in approval of its fuel and fuel-related recovery program) in its Full Recovery rate and a Stripped Migration rate. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charge effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023. Use in this notice of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the Year Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed rate in full rates on service customers during the Year 2024. DENC proposes the rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stripped Migration rate. An RFLI, like proposed Full Recovery rate request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$17.76 – an increase of 10%. An RFLI, like the proposed Stripped Migration request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$27.39 – an increase of 16%. The Stripped Migration request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$27.39 – an increase of 16% for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those rates for DENC's Full Recovery request.

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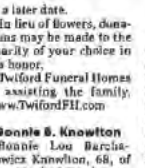
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DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024: 1,250 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2,500 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2,400 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for rate schedule RP customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for rate schedule RP customers; and 1,250 cents per kWh for rate schedule RP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$27.39 – an increase of approximately 16%.

The Public State is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements of the Public State should include any information that the writer wish to be considered by the Public State in an intervention of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to: Christine J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public State 4350 Hall Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to jay@ncag.com.

Personal dealings to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4350 Hall Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-22-509-644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify competently concerning the contents of their statements. Persons may also mail the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com/contact-us. In either case, the written statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22-509-644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.



Also on October 17, 2023, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

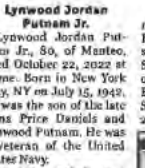
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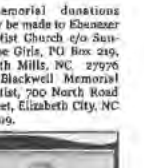
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Salary, from 1A

average market salaries at minimum salaries. Nine jobs were more than 30 percent below market. The study also calculated the lag behind market salaries at midpoint and maximum salaries.

The consulting firm recommended an adjusted pay plan with a total of 21 pay grades and reassigning positions to pay grades based on internal equity and market results.

The recommendations include a hybrid pay plan that corrects wage compression. Such a plan would establish a plan that is internally and externally equitable, states the presentation.

The hybrid parity plan will require \$3.5 million in salary-only increases annually. The estimated amount with fringe benefits is \$4.4 million annually.



Rob Williamson with Evergreen Solutions, LLC, presented a comprehensive salary and classification study to Dare County Board of Commissioners on October 27, 2022. Action by the commissioners is expected at the November 7 board meeting, which starts at 9 a.m.

Finance director David Clawson told the commissioners that implementation was possible in

January 2023 as estimated funding was included in the current fiscal year budget. About \$562,000 will need to be covered out of the General Fund and varying amounts out of six other discrete funds such as water and sanitation.

The study distributed a job assessment tool survey and reported that 88.3% of all employees and 90.4% of supervisors participated. Two days of in-person employee meetings were held and included five orientation sessions, 15 focus groups and seven senior leadership interviews.

Positive comments emerging from the employee meetings at summarized in the presentation were:

"Benefits - The opinion was mixed but most viewed the benefits as a main reason for originally seeking employment and remaining with the count-

"Culture - Several employees described the quality of people and the quality of the relationships with their coworkers as an important reason they've stayed with the organization.

"Community Impact - Many employees felt that by working for the county they could make a difference for their community, which was widely valued.

"Location - Employees commented on the unique beauty of this area as a

Proposed Pay Plan

101	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 40,360.00	\$ 49,520.00	50.0%	-
102	\$ 31,944.50	\$ 41,199.50	\$ 50,414.50	60.0%	7.0%
103	\$ 32,700.00	\$ 42,045.00	\$ 51,350.00	60.0%	7.0%
104	\$ 33,466.50	\$ 42,900.50	\$ 52,300.50	60.0%	7.0%
105	\$ 34,245.00	\$ 43,766.50	\$ 53,266.50	60.0%	7.0%
106	\$ 35,035.50	\$ 44,643.50	\$ 54,243.50	60.0%	7.0%
107	\$ 35,838.00	\$ 45,532.00	\$ 55,232.00	60.0%	7.0%
108	\$ 36,652.50	\$ 46,432.50	\$ 56,232.50	60.0%	7.0%
109	\$ 37,479.00	\$ 47,344.50	\$ 57,254.50	60.0%	7.0%
110	\$ 38,317.50	\$ 48,268.50	\$ 58,298.50	60.0%	7.0%
111	\$ 39,168.00	\$ 49,205.00	\$ 59,355.00	60.0%	7.0%
112	\$ 40,030.50	\$ 50,154.50	\$ 60,425.50	60.0%	7.0%
113	\$ 40,905.00	\$ 51,116.50	\$ 61,509.50	60.0%	7.0%
114	\$ 41,791.50	\$ 52,091.50	\$ 62,607.50	60.0%	7.0%
115	\$ 42,690.00	\$ 53,079.00	\$ 63,719.00	60.0%	7.0%
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121	\$ 48,333.00	\$ 59,255.00	\$ 70,693.00	60.0%	7.0%
122	\$ 49,315.50	\$ 60,326.50	\$ 71,907.50	60.0%	7.0%
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229	\$ 238,933.00	\$ 255,664.00	\$ 322,820.00	60.0%	7.0%
230	\$ 241,631.50	\$ 258,457.50	\$ 326,794.50	60.0%	7.0%
231	\$ 244,349.00	\$ 261,275.00	\$ 330,801.00	60.0%	7.0%
232	\$ 247,085.50	\$ 264,116.50	\$ 334,840.50	60.0%	7.0%
233	\$ 249,841.00	\$ 266,981.00	\$ 338,913.00	60.0%	7.0%
234	\$ 252,615.50	\$ 269,869.50	\$ 343,019.50	60.0%	7.0%
235	\$ 255,409.00	\$ 272,782.00	\$ 347,161.00	60.0%	7.0%
236	\$ 258,221.50	\$ 275,718.50	\$ 351,338.50	60.0%	7.0%
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239	\$ 266,776.00	\$ 284,672.00	\$ 364,097.00	60.0%	7.0%
240	\$ 269,667.50	\$ 287,705.50	\$ 368,428.50	60.0%	7.0%
241	\$ 272,579.00	\$ 290,763.00	\$ 372,790.00	60.0%	7.0%
242	\$ 275,510.50	\$ 293,844.50	\$ 377,193.50	60.0%	7.0%
243	\$ 278,462.00	\$ 296,950.00	\$ 381,639.00	60.0%	7.0%
244	\$ 281,433.50	\$ 299,080.50	\$ 386,127.50	60.0%	7.0%
245	\$ 284,425.00	\$ 301,235.00	\$ 390,659.00	60.0%	7.0

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free throw line, attempting to score and dropping a couple of baskets back-to-back.

Also in attendance, both on and off the court, was Matthew Owens, the son of former N.C. Chief Justice and U.S. Senate Candidate Chert Bessley. "This is the event's first year and it's just incredible," Owens said.

Other groups such as the Marcus Jackson Project — which offers awareness, prevention efforts and support in the wake of gun violence — also showed out for the community at the event.

Upon entry, one of the tables set up for attendees had a poster that was free to fill out by any and all who wandered up to it. The question was simple: "What is your vision for Edenton?"

Answers varied. "New parks," "a Walmart," "a second supermarket," "public transportation," "Krispy Kreme," "no Confederate statue," "the basketball courts," "hurl football field," "ice box" and "trampoline park," just to name a few.

Regina Bond, one of the principal organizers of the tournament and community day, said she is considering holding annual events similar to the tournament.

"It's a start," Bond said. "My idea for this started with 'what will bring people out?' Well, Edenton loves sports."

Bond said that the event

is a step in the right direction in bringing Edenton's Black community both to the polls and to the megaphone. At least 20 people had either registered to vote or expressed interest in voting after a few hours at the event.

"The Black community has a lot to say, but doesn't do a lot of voting," Bond said. "It's time everybody comes together as a whole. Whether you vote or not, it affects you."

More activities in town for the youth is something Bond said she wants to see more of in the future, with a perfect example — the basketball tournament — taking place just behind her as she spoke.

"We need [political] parties to see that we have a future, if they don't we will lose it," Bond said. "We can come together without any violence and we can sit next to people of the law and politicians. We want to create unity as a whole."

Bond explained that an ongoing generational statement in the Black community could be what withholds some voters from showing up on Election Day. "It's their town and they'll do what they want."

"We gotta really vote and put an end to that statement," Bond said.

Some of the kids taking the courts for the double elimination tournament saw the event as "good for the community," with participants ranging from high school players to young ballers like Zion Prenchomme, all of them



Participants of the "Dunk the Vote" community event on Saturday pose for a photo on one of the basketball courts at Griffith Park.

dribbling up and down the courts for hours on end.

"We'll win," one of the Holmes players said of his team as they headed into the championship. "Nobody can outguard me."

Parents agreed, saying they enjoyed seeing an event that was good for the younger citizens and something that welcomed a big turnout.

"This is a way we all come together and build relationships," said Tamerka Griffin. "We are all from different sides of the community and this helps to bridge gaps. It's a good collaboration."

Griffin said that many

of the kids taking jump shots just a few feet away will be voting age soon, if they weren't already.

She also acknowledged that others may feel estranged from the community or closed off and that while school is important, it is secondary to home life, which the community can come together to bolster.

"We need to let the kids know that they do count and they can bring their parents [to vote]," Griffin said. "I think this is a good start. Hopefully it grows."

Tyler Newman can be reached via email at tnewman@aygen.com.

Down East Preservation Information Session For Jackson Dairy Development

November 2

5pm-7pm

at the back deck of the

Herringbone Restaurant

119 W. Water St

Edenton, NC 27932



KADESH

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Triangle Wildlife Removal and Pest Control, Inc. will be performing the cleanup, set to begin this week.

Don Faircloth of Edenton

Construction, one of the spearheads of the Kadesh project, said that the entire cleanup process may take up to two weeks but could not call down a definitive ETA as of yet.

Once the cleanup is complete and the work site is OSHA-cleared, restoration work can begin.

It is hoped that by Halloween, Kadesh's bats will have moved into a new

haunt in Edenton without any impacts to their local population.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factors Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §137.2 and NCUC Rule 88-95

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment and recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, DeLoach Building, 470 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the Commission's E-22, Sub 643, and Commission E-22, Sub 644, for the purpose of determining whether an increase in the monthly fuel cost recovery factor is required to recover all reasonable and properly incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 88-95.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. §137.2 and Commission Rule 88-95. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charge effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under-recovery of its fuel costs during the Term Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase on rates upon customers during the Term Period, DENC requests the rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration. A full recovery rate and a stepped mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%, as filed. The net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.38 — an increase of 9%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would increase the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Re-opening Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requesting Public Notice (Exhibits A-D). Among other things, the scheduling order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2.5089 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers, 2.2955 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers, 1.2853 cents per kWh for large general service customers, 1.2471 cents per kWh for rate schedule 355 customers, 1.2013 cents per kWh for rate schedule 356 customers, 2.5066 cents per kWh for rate schedule 357 customers, and 2.5066 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 2.2955 cents per kWh for residential customers, 1.2853 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers, 1.2853 cents per kWh for large general service customers, 1.2471 cents per kWh for rate schedule 355 customers, 1.2013 cents per kWh for rate schedule 356 customers, and 1.2955 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would increase the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next filing, DENC requests that the Commission approve the Company's request to modify the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the rate.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written testimony to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff #136 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4260.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Jack Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 26170, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-0260. Written statements may be received at ajayres@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4725 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4725 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered confidential evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission's statement about the application file the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/submit-statement.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number on the Commission's website.

This the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica M. Green, Deputy Clerk

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Inflation reaching school district cafeterias

TYLER NEWMAN
Staff Writer

While inflation and the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to exacerbate numerous domestic issues, one arena has been notably affected — school cafeterias.

In Edenton-Chowan Schools, this is no exception.

Stephanie Patsel, Nutrition Director for ECPS, explained how school lunches have been affected by recent events and what is being done to try and stem the impact on families.

Edenton-Chowan Schools has seen a significant rise in the cost of food and supplies with an overall average of a 35 percent increase, Patsel said.

The district, which serves around 2,000 meals daily, has a 65.1 percent eligible student population for free/reduced meals. Of those, 73 percent of the eligible students are eating daily, Patsel

said.

Universal free lunch waivers from the USDA, regardless of income and brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, came to an end during the summer. However, North Carolina has since adopted legislation to cover the copay for students who qualified for reduced meals.

The state budget, which was signed into law by N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper on July 11, includes a provision for a one-time reimbursement to "eliminate student copay for reduced-price lunch."

Under the one-time provision, funds will be allocated from the state's general fund for the 2022-23 school year and must be used by districts to provide no-cost lunches to students who qualify for reduced-price lunches under the federal guidelines.

If the state funding is not enough to cover the copays, extra funds typically appro-

riated for the school breakfast program would be used to make up any differences. Since the end of the federal waivers, Patsel said there has been a decrease in meals served, but not necessarily attributed to persistent inflation.

"We attribute this decrease in participation to meals no longer being free," Patsel said. "However, the decrease in participation has not been as drastic as we had anticipated."

Just about 60 percent of the student population statewide qualified for free and reduced-price meals before COVID-19 struck. Food insecurity continues to be a daunting issue for North Carolina, which is the 12th hungriest state in the nation according to USDA figures.

Nonwoven staple products in school lunchrooms have taken a hit in costs nationwide over the last year.

National trends suggest that chicken nuggets and

tenders are up nearly 45 percent over last year, while string cheese is up 25 percent, fruit juice is up 50 percent, yogurt cups are up 40 percent, hamburgers have risen 21 percent and dried beans have found themselves up by 24 percent.

Even bread and placeware have risen to higher prices than the year prior. To top it off, 8-ounce bottles of water have skyrocketed nearly 90 percent.

Some districts across the country are looking to shift menu items in the wake of supply chain crunches following the pandemic. Current lunchroom suppliers in ECPS include Sysco, Greenville Produce, Maola and Flowers Baking Company.

Other solutions statewide have been to raise prices for school lunches.

Patsel said, however, that meal prices in Chowan schools have not increased and that there is no cap on student meal debt, should

one be unable to pay.

"No student is turned away due to the inability to pay," Patsel said. "Charge letters are sent home monthly to parents."

In an effort to mitigate any harmful impacts on families, Patsel explained that Edenton-Chowan Schools has increased access to fresh produce meal applications by providing an online option for parents and guardians.

"We also do a weekly Direct Certification Import into our Point of Sale software to pick up any students who may have become eligible for free/reduced meals," Patsel said.

Another silver lining is a recent grant opportunity.

"We have just accepted a grant through the Local Food for School Cooperative," Patsel explained.

"The goal is to provide fresh healthy meals to our kids while procuring local products with a focus on socially disadvantaged farmers, small farmers and small businesses that offer fresh or minimally processed items. Funds will be distributed to schools/school districts based on their enrollment."

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A group of pre-K educators from White Oak Elementary School poses with Principal Michelle Newsome (left) and school board Chair Gene Jordan (right) at the September ECPS Board of Education meeting.

White Oak is '5-star facility'

TYLER NEWMAN
Staff Writer

White Oak Elementary School is celebrating their pre-K educators.

The school recently participated in the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) as part of their NC Star Rated License.

As a result, school leaders say they are pleased to announce that White Oak's pre-K program continues to be a 5-star facility, the highest rating available to a pre-K program.

ECERS is an intense review of personal care routines, furnishings and displays for children, language-learning experiences, fine and gross motor activities, creative activities and social development.

All teachers completed a self-study of their classroom and collaborated with their WOS pre-K colleagues in preparation for the review. An on-site, unannounced visit was conducted by an outside reviewer which resulted in the 5-star designation.

"We are thrilled that the efforts of our NCPREK team have been recognized by ECERS at the highest level possible," said Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Sasser.

"This rating attests to the belief our school system has in early childhood education and the tremendous investment we make in our youngest learners. We know that excellent early education sets students on a

pathway of success towards graduation and beyond."

Principal Michelle Newsome shared how proud she is of the pre-K program at White Oak Elementary. "Our goal is to offer every four-year old in Chowan County a high-quality pre-K program. We are thankful to be able to serve 90 students this year and look forward to moving towards the goal of universal pre-K," Newsome said.

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SPORTS

Panthers' QB situation could get more interesting moving forward

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Carolina Panthers interim coach Steve Wilks is sticking with P.J. Walker as the team's starting quarterback Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

That's not a surprise considering the spark Walker has brought to the offense the last two weeks.

But Wilks could have a tricky situation on his hands in the coming weeks when both Baker Mayfield and Sam Darnold are healthy and ready to compete.

Mayfield was the backup in Carolina's 27-30 overtime loss to Atlanta, while Darnold is about to return to the 53-man roster after missing eight games on an injured reserve with a high ankle sprain — all of which will create a logjam at quarterback.

Like most NFL teams, the Panthers (2-5) normally only activate two quarterbacks on game day, meaning one of those top-three picks in the 2018 NFL draft won't be sitting out.

If Wilks chooses Mayfield over Darnold, it's hard to foresee that being an is-



Carolina quarterback P.J. Walker passes in the first half against the Atlanta Falcons in Atlanta, Sunday.

sure given Darnold's easygoing personality and the fact he has been out so long. But if Wilks picks Darnold over Mayfield — sending him from opening day starter to third string — it will be interesting to see how the fiery, often outspoken No. 1 overall pick reacts.

What will happen remains to be seen.

Wilks wasn't ready to broach the subject Monday on how he plans to handle the quarterback situation moving forward.

"The one thing I don't want to do right now is get into hypotheticals," Wilks said. "I'm going to wait and see exactly what happens at that time and my decision will be the best decision for this team."

Wilks did praise Mayfield for being the "ultimate pro" in handling his backup role so far.

The ideal scenario for the Panthers would be to trade either Mayfield or Darnold since both became unrestricted free agents after the season and are unlikely to be re-signed.

But it's hard to imagine either garnering much interest on the trade market before Tuesday's deadline.

Mayfield was one of the worst QBs in the league over the first five games of the season before injuring

his ankle, while Darnold hasn't played since a very shaky 2021 campaign.

WHAT'S WORKING

Carolina's running game, D'Onta Foreman, a free agent pickup from Tennessee, ran for 118 yards for the second straight week and added three touchdowns on the ground in his first start for the Panthers.

Wilks' commitment to the running game since taking over is certainly paying dividends. Foreman took advantage of Chuba Hubbard being out with an ankle injury and made the most of his 26 carries. His three TDs were a career best and he looked strong throughout the game, especially when getting to the second level of the defense.

Hubbard plans to return this week, but expect Foreman to start and get the majority of carries.

"I thought the offensive line, once again, did a great job and coming off the ball and creating a new line of scrimmage, and giving (Foreman) the avenues and opening up the holes where he could see it," Wilks said.

Still healing, Young to resume practice

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
The Associated Press

Chase Young is expected to practice with the Washington Commanders this week for the first time since tearing the ACL in his right knee 11 months ago.

Cuech Ron Rivera said Young will take part in positional workouts Wednesday before getting ramped up to participation in team drills at some point. It's not clear when the young edge rusher will make his season debut.

"He'll work on the side, and then we'll see how he is after the day and then going into the next day, and that'll dictate what our next step is in terms of where he goes from there," Rivera said Monday on a video call with reporters. "He's going to have to get back into condition. Believe me, playing football is completely different from rehabbing, obviously, and the more reps he can get on the practice field prior to stepping onto the game field would be very beneficial to him."

Washington has three weeks to activate Young off the physically unable to perform list, once he resumes practicing.

Young, the 2020 No. 2 pick out of Ohio State who earned Defensive Rookie of the Year honors by leading first-year players with 7½ sacks that season, tore the ACL on Nov. 14 against Tampa Bay. He underwent surgery that involved grafting a part of his left patella tendon on the other side to fix the tear.

Because of that and his long-term value to the franchise, Young, doctor and the team have taken a slow, methodical approach to his recovery process. Rivera said Young had a final checkup with Dr. James Andrews, who performed the surgery, which was the final step for the 23-year-old to be cleared to practice.

Rivera said Young was "fired up" and looked ready to go upon learning he could start taking part in practice. Still, as they did with rookie running back Brian Robinson Jr. on the non-football injury list after being shot twice in an armed robbery, the Commanders plan on taking it slow with Young rather than rushing him back.

"I had to tell him now, 'We've got to follow the

directions' — we can't push more for more until each step is cleared," Rivera said. "He understands that... We've got to temper and get to make sure that Chase understands that where he is, we've got to be very, very diligent and stick with it."

Even if it's a stretch to think Young could return

Sunday against the 1-1 Minnesota Vikings, it's not out of the realm of possibility he plays Monday, Nov. 14 at the unbeaten Philadelphia Eagles. The next option after that would be Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Houston Texans.

Young's eventual return is expected to bolster a front four by adding a

fourth first-round pick to a stout group that includes Jonathan Allen, Daron Payne and Montez Sweat. The Commanders have picked up seven sacks and improved to 13th in the NFL on defense during their three-game winning streak that got them back to .500 on the season.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-22-008-644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Renew its Fuel Supply Contract to E.C. Gas, Inc. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-13.2 and N.C. Reg. Rule 82-55.

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment case regarding the Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing on Docket No. E-22-008-644, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-13.2 and Commission Rule 82-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease in rates is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs of service. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 82-55.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of fuel and fuel-related recovery rates under N.C.G.S. § 62-13.2 and Commission Rule 82-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023. Due to the application of the under-recovery of fuel cost deduction (fuel cost credit) and associated impacts, it is a projected increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year. DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Shared Mitigation rate. At full, the effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. At full, the effect of DENC's Shared Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$10.38 — an increase of 9%. The Shared Mitigation rate is a compromise between the Full Recovery rate and the Shared Mitigation rate. The Shared Mitigation rate is a compromise between the Full Recovery rate and the Shared Mitigation rate. The Shared Mitigation rate is a compromise between the Full Recovery rate and the Shared Mitigation rate.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requesting Filing of Testimony, Exhibits, and Discovery. The Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the matter for Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Commission has also scheduled a public hearing on the matter for Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Testimony to include the Company's Deferral Request for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges entered on the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers. The Shared Mitigation rate would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers. The Shared Mitigation rate would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers.

DENC's supplemental update to the Shared Mitigation request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers. The Shared Mitigation rate would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers. The Shared Mitigation rate would result in the following rates for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.25¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 23 customers; 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 24 customers; and 1.25¢ per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of its case. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at ncuc.com.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include verification that the writer wish to be considered by the Public Staff as an interested party to the proceeding. Such statements should be addressed to: Consumer Policy, Public Staff, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-9001. Written statements may be received by email at publicstaff@ncuc.com.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-9001 and reference Docket No. E-22-008-644. However, such written statements should be considered confidential unless they are specifically designated as non-confidential and clearly so labeled. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22-008-644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number on the Commission's website.

Filed the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Tara B. Farrow, Deputy Clerk

HOROSCOPE

NOV. 2, 2022

Expanding your interests and circle of friends will seem like a good idea, but before you make time-consuming and costly changes, put together a financial plan. Choose a responsible course of action to help you maintain a healthy, affordable lifestyle. A trendy new look will attract attention and give you the boost you need to follow your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Manage domestic responsibilities. Do what you can to improve your situation, but budget for and hire an expert if necessary. A change of heart will serve you well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stick to the facts and take care of business. Refuse to let anyone stand between you and what you want to achieve. Be realistic regarding relationships. Know when to say no and walk away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Establish what you are willing and capable of doing, and go about your business. A discussion with a friend or relative will offer insight into options you hadn't considered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Learn from experience and make decisions that will help you ward off disruption and encourage you to focus on putting your responsibilities behind you. Finish what you start.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you pay attention to money matters, a financial gain will come your way. An unexpected opportunity will take you on an adventure that will give you hope for better days ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) —

19) — Take responsibility one finish what you start. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans or promises. Be straightforward regarding what you can do and what you need others to contribute.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A change will give you a different perspective on life, love and what's possible. Dig in and try your hand at something new. The impact your success has will encourage you to be less fearful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Offer explicit information and call out anyone who offers hypothetical plans with no real potential in mind. Listen to your gut and speak. Trust in your judgment and ability.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Consider what you enjoy doing most and head in that direction. Find additional information, skills and qualifications to help you succeed. Connect with people who can help you reach your goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Prepare to do the work yourself. It's up to you to concentrate on reaching your target on time and within budget. Take measures to lower your overhead. Efficiency will count for much.

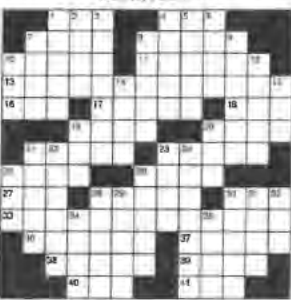
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Not everything will make sense or fit into your plans. Listen to suggestions, but in the end, head down the path that provides you with satisfaction, joy and concrete results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A passionate attempt will turn out just the way you want. Use your talent, discipline and enthusiasm to get yourself where you want to go. You have what it takes to succeed.

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HEALTH NEWS

NCDHHS announces first flu death of the season

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is reporting the first flu-related death of the 2022-23 flu season.

An adult in the western part of the state died due to complications of influenza during the third week of October. To protect the privacy of the family, the person's hometown, county, age and gender will not be released.

"This is a sad reminder that flu can be a serious illness and can lead to complications and even death in some cases," said State Epidemiologist Zack Moore, M.D., MPH. "With flu cases increasing and COVID-19 still with us, it is tremendously important for people to get a flu vaccine this year."

While influenza cases and deaths were historically low during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 influenza seasons, the number of influenza deaths reported in North Carolina ranged from 186 to 391 during the five prior seasons. Currently, North Carolina is seeing an increase in illnesses caused by respiratory viruses other than COVID-19, including influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), that is greater than at any time since

the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020.

The CDC recommends flu vaccination every year for everyone 6 months and older. Vaccination is the best way to prevent infection with the flu. Vaccination can also make illness milder for those who do get the flu, making it especially important for those at higher risk of more serious outcomes, such as people over 65 years old, children younger than 5, pregnant women and those with certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same visit. Flu vaccinations are available at hospitals, pharmacies, private medical offices, some federally qualified health care centers and local health departments.

To find a flu vaccine near you, visit www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines.

In North Carolina, flu infections are most common from late fall to early spring with activity usually peaking in January or February.

The following precautions should be taken to protect against the spread of flu and other viruses:

Get your flu vaccine. Flu vaccines can be given at the same time as bivalent COVID-19 boosters for those who are eligible.

Stay home from work or school when sick to avoid spreading infection to others.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then discard the tissue promptly.

To layer up protection, people can practice the 3Ws — wearing a face covering over your nose and mouth, waiting 6 feet apart, and washing your hands often can help slow the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses.

Individuals who feel ill should call ahead before going to a doctor's office, local health department or urgent care to avoid exposing others.

Flu symptoms include:

Fever
Cough and/or sore throat
Runny or stuffy nose
Headaches and/or body aches
Chills
Fatigue
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea (most common in children)

Antiviral drugs are available and can help prevent flu infections from becoming more se-

rious. Treatments work best if started soon after symptoms begin.

If you feel sick, contact your doctor right away to see if you need treatment with a prescription antiviral drug. Treatment with a prescription antiviral drug is especially important for hospitalized patients, people with severe illness, and those who are at higher risk of serious flu illness based on their age or health.

A respiratory virus surveillance summary that includes information on COVID-19, RSV and flu-related deaths and activity is posted every Wednesday at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/respiratory-virus-surveillance>.

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More NC families getting healthy food through WIC

RALEIGH — With food prices rising, more North Carolina families with young children are using benefits from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to access healthy, nutritious food.

Rising food prices are straining family budgets. Nationally, grocery prices rose 13% over the last year, according to the latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 10% of North Carolina households experience food insecurity, meaning their ability to access enough food is limited by money or other resources.

WIC is a federal program that provides nutritious food, breastfeeding support, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant women and to children up to age 5. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services administers WIC in partnership with Local Health Departments. Health

Districts and Federally Qualified Health Centers in North Carolina.

North Carolina has the country's greatest increase in WIC participation during the pandemic, according to a new report by the Food Research & Action Center. FRAC found North Carolina's WIC participation rate increased by 21% between February 2020 and February 2022. WIC participation by children — who make up half of those enrolled in WIC — increased by nearly 36%.

"Ensuring North Carolina families have access to healthy and nutritious food is at the heart of the department's priority to strengthen the well-being of children and families, and our work to make WIC benefits available to more families is a major step in that direction," said Dr. Charlene Wong, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

Increased benefits and program flexibility put in place during the pandemic have contributed to the increase in enrollment and participation. For example, families and

children participating in WIC have received increased benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables since June 2021. In addition, families have been able to enroll and re-enroll in WIC without going to a WIC clinic to reduce the risk of potential COVID-19 exposure. WIC participants also have been able to receive their monthly food benefits and attend appointments off-site via video chat and phone.

"North Carolina took advantage of federal flexibilities to streamline how families could access WIC during the pandemic," said Mary Anne Burghardt, State WIC Director. "Local WIC agencies have done great work in supporting families in their communities during challenging times."

In the coming months, the federal government will make decisions about keeping WIC flexibilities in place for the long term.

Families can learn more about WIC eligibility and benefits at www.ncdhhs.gov/wic and submit an online form to begin the application process.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-22 SUB 644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Cost Adjustment Mechanism, as set forth in the Petition for Rate Adjustment filed with the Commission on January 11, 2022, and NCUC Rule 88-35.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the matter of the proposed rate adjustment for Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) to be held on November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, Double Building, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1 and Commission Rule 88-35 for the purpose of determining whether an increase in the monthly fuel cost adjustment (MFC) is warranted and, if so, the amount of the increase. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 88-35.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.1 and Commission Rule 88-35. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charge recovery for service rendered on and after February 1, 2021, due to the significant increase in fuel costs during the period from February 1, 2021, to the end of the period covered by the proposed rate adjustment. DENC also requests that the Commission consider a full recovery rate and a stepped recovery rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's full recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.26, or an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's stepped recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.28, or an increase of 4%. The stepped recovery approach would then provide to the same per kWh rate for the period of August 1, 2021, through January 31, 2024, as those filed for DENC's full recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requesting filing of Testimony, Exhibits, Discovery, and Rebuttal Public Witness Testimony (Exhibits Only). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to exclude the Company's delivery balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rate and fuel charges higher than the charges proposed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the full recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2021, through July 31, 2023: 2.39% cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 2.58% cents per kWh for small general service and public safety customers; 2.69% cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2.49% cents per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers; 2.56% cents per kWh for rate schedule 65P customers; 2.63% cents per kWh for rate schedule 65P customers; and 2.65% cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.51 — an increase of approximately 22%.

DENC's supplemental update to the stepped recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2021, through July 31, 2023: 0.28% cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.28% cents per kWh for small general service and public safety customers; 0.28% cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.28% cents per kWh for rate schedule 25 customers; 0.28% cents per kWh for rate schedule 65P customers; and 0.28% cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$0.28 — an increase of approximately 4%.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the offer. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.nc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the witness wishes to be considered by the Public Staff on any aspect of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to: Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4126 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4202.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection, Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4001. Written statements may be emailed to ajay@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to read written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should submit their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4375 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered (accepted) evidence unless those persons appear in the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.nc.gov/contact-us.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number on the Commission's website.

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JEWEL

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Lake Huron and passed through the currents of the Black River to Lake St. Clair. From there, they sailed past the banks of the Detroit, crossed Lake Erie, and sailed up through the Welland Canal into Lake Ontario. After navigating the St. Lawrence Seaway, they reached the Atlantic Ocean and eventually, the Albemarle Sound.

The Covets docked the Huron Jewel at Albemarle Plantation on Monday, Oct. 23, long enough for a reporter to take a tour.

The craftsmanship aboard the schooner is stunning. Red oak, white pine, Douglas fir and sapele are just a few of the 20 different types of wood Hugh

used to build the Huron Jewel. Hugh milled much of the wood himself and had other neighbors harvest trees from their Drummond Island property as needed.

Hugh explained that Douglas fir is actually a type of cypress and has several sub-species. The coastal variety has long been used for boatbuilding, Hugh says, because of its medium density and its resistance to rot.

Hugh talks about boat building from long experience with the craft. "I began building when I was 4," he said. He also had built 14 other boats prior to the Huron Jewel.

"When you begin building boats at 4, you know, you learn," said Julie, adding, "You start with five boards and if it doesn't float, you try again."

The Covets plan to continue sailing the Huron Jewel along the Intracoastal Waterway southward before heading to the Bahamas and, eventually, the Caribbean before returning home to Drummond Island next spring.

Their Dream Inspiration Tour isn't theirs alone, however.

Currently, the Covets are providing charters aboard the Huron Jewel for up to three people. The cost of a week aboard the schooner, including food, is \$1,800 statewide and \$2,500 per week in the islands. The charters include breakfast at 8 a.m. sharp every day.

"Captain is very specific about that," Julie quips about the ship's breakfast schedule.

Don Waller and John Grahame took advantage of the weekly charter opportu-

nity and planned to spend a week on the Huron Jewel enjoying the Albemarle Sound, the Manteo Antique Wooden Boat Show before sailing on to Savannah, Georgia, and disembararking.

The Covets say the purpose of the Dream Tour is to inspire other people to "name their own dream." When you do that, according to the couple, you're on your way to making your dream happen.

For those looking to build their own boat, Julie Covet has published a 24-page tabloid magazine, "The Schooner Rag." Inside, Hugh Covet not only explains the woods used in building the Huron Jewel, he explains how he did it.

For more information on the Huron Jewel and "The Schooner Rag," visit www.dreamship.com.



JOHN FOLEY/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Shown aboard the schooner Huron Jewel are (l-r) Julie Covet, Hugh Covet, Victoria Southwick, Don Waller and John Grahame. Julie and Hugh Covet own the 78-foot, hand-craft schooner that Hugh built at his home on Drummond Island, Michigan.

BELVIDERE

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styles and flavors to please all tastes.

The Flacy Woods Friends' fried fruit jacks to be served to be the most popular place to be for most of the morning during the festival. At least until the Friends, who had made 850 fruit jacks, sold out of them around 10:30 a.m.

The Friends offered the jacks in five flavors — blueberry, apple, sweet potato and peach — and the line for them, at times with as many as 36 deep, never turned until the table was bare.

Those still hungry could also fill up at the little corn cobs, the Masonic Lodge's grill tent, or at the historic Nicholson House which remained open throughout the event.

Columbia-based Doodle



JOHN FOLEY/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

C.W. Overton promotes the Masonic vendor booth by riding his favorite tractor, a John Deere, at the Belvidere Day on Saturday. The tractor is one of 75 Overton owns.

Pina Press, publishers of "My Brother is Back," was on hand at Belvidere Day to promote and sell copies of the new children's book. Co-publisher Renee Hodges thought the event went well.

"We are very excited to be here. This is our first year and we will plan on coming back," said Hodges, who is currently working on a series of books for the North Carolina Aquarium. Tractor enthusiasts came

from as far away as North Carolina to gaze at the classics on parade.

Steve Palermo traveled from Virginia to display his 1956 John Deere '40 Crawler which he says he found rusted in an over-

grown forest. He said he thought long and hard about it before eventually deciding to buy the bucket of bolts.

Today, the mini-builder shines a bright yellow and glazes over the earth as though new.

"It took a lot of hours to bring her back," said Palermo, who takes the Crawler from show to show. "The engine was frozen, the body was rusted and I thought about it for a long time before I bought it."

C.W. Overton, who hosted his own tractor parade in Perquimans in September, toiled through the event on a smaller John Deere, promoting the French fries and grilled food being prepared by the Masonic Lodge.

The parade also featured antique autos restored to glistering new. As they passed, their horns honking and engines revving, pas-

sengers leaned raptly in the beds watching beside the road.

Next came dragsters and race cars, followed by firetrucks from the Belvidere, Hertford and Winal volunteer fire departments bringing up the rear, flashing an end to the parade and the beginning of the event's afternoon activities.

By Sunday morning, the tiny community of Belvidere was apologetic; the visitors were gone and the only thing that seemed out of place was the roadside cotton that jumped out of trucks on its way to the gin.

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design-build process in summer 2019 and the former S-bridge was closed in April 2021 and removed in July of that year. Contractors loaded the bridge's former truss onto two barges, which will temporarily house the broken sections near Missing Mill Park in Hertford. Preservation efforts are underway to put the structure on permanent display.

The bridge's original completion date was December 2021 but delays connected to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply chain problems caused "several unavoidable delays," DOT spokesman Tim Haas previously told The Daily Advance.

Unexpected permitting delays also prevented contractors from beginning work when they were supposed to, "which ultimately pushed back completion," Haas said.

On Aug. 27 nearly 300 Perquimans County residents helped christen the nearly completed new bridge by either walking or biking across the half-mile span. A number of local and state officials attended the event.

The bridge remained closed to vehicles, however. Aired at the time what still needed to be done to open the bridge to vehicles, Haas cited "critical safety items" that needed completion.

The contractor will continue to address punch-list items over the coming weeks which will ensure the structure remains maintenance free for years to come," he said. "Critical safety items remain which must be put into place prior to placing vehicular traffic on the structure."

He said examples of the work that remained included guardrails, signs and pavement markings. Asked why DOT decided to go forward with the ribbon cutting when it became apparent the bridge

wouldn't be ready for vehicles, Haas said "there was no reason not to."

"The event provided residents a chance to get an up-close look at the new bridge, which hundreds turned out to enjoy," he said. "While it

would have been preferable to open the bridge later in the day, that was not the purpose of the event itself."

The original contract for the bridge pegged its cost at \$57 million. The total cost of the project was about \$60

million, which included replacement of the bridge and

improvements to the adjacent roadway, DOT said.

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 444
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION:

In the Matter of:
Applicants: Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, Inc., Petitioner to Amend its Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Costs Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-13.2 and NCUJ Rule 88-55.

SECOND-PUBLISHING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), the public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 642, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Delta Building, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-13.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increase in DENC's fuel recovery rates is required to allow DENC to recover its reasonable and prudent incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-27(a).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel related cost recovery petition in N.C.G.S. § 62-13.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charge effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of fuel costs during the last period and the potential impact of a fuel cost recovery on fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two fuel adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a full recovery rate and a Shared Mitigation rate. As filed, the full recovery rate would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$2.91, or an increase of 12%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Shared Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.28 — an increase of 38%. The Shared Mitigation approach would then increase the net per kWh rates on the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, at those rates for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Resolving Filing of Testimony, Establishing the Hearing Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or news source having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's per kWh monthly fuel rate and fuel charges higher than the charges published in the original public notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,267¢ per kWh for residential customers; 1,265¢ per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; 1,281¢ per kWh for large general service customers; 1,245¢ per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1,909¢ per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$12.91 — an increase of approximately 12%. The Shared Mitigation approach would increase the net per kWh rates on the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, at those rates for DENC's Full Recovery request. The net effect of this request would increase the net per kWh rates on the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, at those rates for DENC's Full Recovery request.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of its rate request. Further information is available in the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent customers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements in the Attorney General's office are addressed to the Public Staff, not the Commission. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0001.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent customers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements in the Attorney General's office are addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection Unit, 9061 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0001. Written comments may be emailed to steinj@nc.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0001 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. Such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless filed in person at the hearing and testimony concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com, but in order to enter case, customer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching the docket number on the Commission's website.

This is the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Reva S. Fries, Deputy Clerk

ACADEMIA

Beta Upsilon is gearing up for the year

The Beta Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Educational Society began its 2022-2023 year with big plans and big celebrations.

The recent new member induction meeting was held at the Heritage House in Windsor beginning with a buffet breakfast for 38 members and two guests.

Club President Dr. Phyllis Broughton welcomed members and guests Dr. Kimberly Williamson of the Pitt County Delta Xi DKG chapter and Adele Holloman from Hopedale, Chowan Community College.

Berkie County member Elizabeth Huff presented a thoughtful devotion by sharing some of teacher and author Randy Paus's memorial devotion from the book he co-authored with Jeffrey Zaslow entitled *The Last Lecture* (Hachette Books, 2008).

Dealing with a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, Paus wanted to share some things he had learned about living a meaningful life. Among his bits of wisdom were the following thoughts:

- Are you spending your time on the right things? Time is all you have.
- Never make a decision until you have to.
- Get the fundamentals.
- Give the gift of knowledge.
- Teach someone to be self-reliant.
- People are more important than things.
- Find the best in everybody.
- It's not how hard you



New members (from left) Elizabeth Barber, Kimberly Dunlow, Crystal Ellis, Carol Ann Hankinson, Wanda Harrison, Tammy Hayes and Leigh Ann Hudson.

hit, it's how hard you get hit... and keep moving forward.

- Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.
- Build teamwork and perseverance.
- Be earnest.
- Work hard.
- Tell the truth. All the time.

Martin County member Douglas White was installed as treasurer by Mona Boyd and Tammy Jennings.

Seven educators were inducted into the DKG Beta Upsilon Chapter: Elizabeth Barber (Martin), Kimberly Barber (Martin), Kimberly Dunlow (Berkie), Crystal Ellis (Berkie), Carol Ann Hankinson (Hertford/Fraser), Wanda Harrison (Martin), Tammy Hayes (Martin), Jan Wagner, Mona Boyd, Phyllis Broughton, Sarah Davis, Tracy Reason and Lois Toler assisted with the induction services.

Led by Mona Boyd, the group then sang the Delta Kappa song.

Tracy Reason presented an informative program to encourage members to apply for educational grants available through DKG. Having received a Learning Literacy Project Grant during the



Sue Fairless and her daughter, Kimberly Williamson, celebrate a new scholarship provided in Fairless' honor.

last school year for "Primary Planning," Tracy provided helpful tips for completing the online grant application process.

Dr. Kaye Dolsen, newly appointed Region 1 director, reported that she coordinates with all presidents in the district and schedules visits to each chapter. The current focus for Region 1 is hosting the State DKG convention which will be held in Greenville in April 2023 with Dr. Phyllis Broughton serving as convention coordinator. Dr. Broughton emphasized

that many volunteers will be needed in planning and hosting the meeting.

Mona Boyd presented a history of Beta Upsilon meeting locations over the past 60 years. The four yearly Beta Upsilon meetings have followed a fairly standard rotation of locations that has worked well for many years.

The executive committee decided to vary the rotation schedule this year. In April members will have the opportunity to vote on either returning to the original standard location rotation

or using a different plan for future years.

Lois Toler recognized members celebrating birthdays in July, August and September.

One special birthday recognition was made for long-time Bertie County member Sue Fairless by her daughter Dr. Kimberly Williamson. In honor of Sue's 80th birthday and in recognition of her many contributions as an educator, her family is establishing the "Sue Fairless Professional Development and Continuing Education" grant-in-aid fund for Beta Upsilon members.

Sue served as Beta Upsilon president for the 2000-2002 term. Her goal "to unite women educators together" had been featured by Dr. Phyllis Broughton and Dr. Kaye Dolsen in their 2021 book on Beta Upsilon presidents. (The Leadership Legacy of Beta Upsilon Presidents 1970-2021, NC DKG Educational Foundation, 2021).

Mona Boyd announced several awards:

- Beta Upsilon: Chapter Achievement and Communications.
- Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Sarah Davis, Dr. Kaye Dolsen, Charlene Evans and Jan Wagner: Member Excellence.
- Dr. Phyllis Broughton: one of five President's Award recipients.
- Sarah Davis: Golden Key Award.
- Tracy Reason: Rising Star.
- Amy Barsanti: Martin County Teacher of Excellence.
- Dr. Kaye Dolsen: Region 1 Director.
- Dr. Phyllis Broughton: articles published in state and international DKG periodicals.

President Broughton stated that the executive board recommends the chapter continue the Books for Schools and Essentials for Education projects for this year. Donated books will go to Washington County Essentials (Opiene home) donated will be distributed among all Beta Upsilon counties. Members are encouraged to make items for both projects to the November and February meetings.

Any Damski encouraged members to recommend first-through fourth-year teachers for the BUEZN Dec Project.

Lois Toler noted that Beta Upsilon is always looking for women educators and that each county should present new member recommendations at the February 2023 meeting.

With many special individual and group recognitions during the annual conference to plan, Beta Upsilon is definitely geared up for a busy "Super Year" ahead.

Riverside Middle Honor Roll students named

Riverside Middle School recently announced the first grading period Principals List and Honor Roll for the school.

Those honored include:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Renew its Fuel Price Formula by N.C. Gen. Stat. §2-352.2 and N.C. Code §26-11.6

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment and recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, One Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. §2-352.2 and Commission Rule E-22. The purpose of determining whether an increase in the rate of recovery is warranted is to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs and to ensure that its rates are just and not unduly burdensome. DENC has filed its application for a rate of recovery of \$1.00 per kWh for the period of August 1, 2021, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related recovery plan pursuant to N.C.G.S. §2-352.2 and Commission Rule E-22. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charge recovery plan, for services provided by DENC, to be effective February 1, 2023. Due to the importance of the timely recovery of its fuel costs during the Fall period and ensuring the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel costs upon customers during the Fall Year, DENC requests two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Shipped Gasoline rate. As filed, the rates of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.00 per kWh, or a 10% increase. As filed, the rates of DENC's Shipped Gasoline request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during that period by 10% or a 10% increase. DENC requests that the Commission approve its Full Recovery request and its Shipped Gasoline request. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$2.00, or a 20% increase of approximately 2%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Shipped Gasoline request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2.969 cents per kWh for residential customers; 2.587 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2.669 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2.669 cents per kWh for rate-of-return customers; 2.587 cents per kWh for cogeneration customers; and 2.587 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$2.00, or a 20% increase of approximately 2%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 1.000 cents per kWh for residential customers; 1.000 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.000 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.000 cents per kWh for rate-of-return customers; 1.000 cents per kWh for cogeneration customers; and 1.000 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$1.00, or a 10% increase of approximately 1%.

On January 11, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request, it is requested that the Commission approve the Full Recovery request and the Shipped Gasoline request.

Also, on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the rate-of-return request. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements in the Attorney General should be addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-4108.

Principal witness to said written statements to inform the Commission of their positions on the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-4108 and inform the Public Staff of E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application and the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov or by email. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number on the Commission's website.

This 19th day of October, 2022.

SOUTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Eric A. Clark, Deputy Clerk

- Principal's List**
Grade 6
Laila Bond, Addison Brown, Natalia Chernov, TJ Davenport, Emily Harrington, Tiana Quaterbridge, Thomas Wheeler, Brady Wynne
- Grade 7
Jacob Cortell, Evan Hollis, Hannah Huffman, Jaylen Moss, Justin Powell
- Grade 8
Dhruti Chawla, Riley Cowan, Vanessa Esquivel, Logan Gardner, Jaylyn Raynor, Caleb Staton
- Honor Roll**
Grade 6
Ab Man, Rasnighi Sarkis, Brown, JaMyria Griffin, Kyle, Hencye, Deja Outlaw, Land Ravala, Emily Richan, Jaden Robinson, Quan'Tavious Salaam, NyShawn Shaw, Hayden Thomas, Trenton Tibbitt, Ke'Myah Tyson-Anderson, Ely White, Jerome Wilson
- Grade 7
Julien Askew, Kuanzi Brown, Keshia Chesson, Za'Riah Chesson, Jai-Say-Clegg, Kate Gibbs, Nyema Grisswell, Harnoy Hoo, Bailey Huffman, Jayden McCauley, Larry Mucore, Krishant Patel, Jaden Peele, Canineh Perry, Leonardo Rodas-Escunilla, Logan Rogers, Shawn Smith, Jashen Speller, Kathryn Speller, Qu'heim Speller, Malajah Spellman, Emery Tice, Isabella Tudor, Wyatt Tyson, Quanqua Wigdala, Deja Williams
- Grade 8
Amber Biggs, Savannah Birdo, Keymoria Bond, Rylah Etheridge, Atlanta Fulwiler, Kneligh Harrison-Beach, Makenzie Green, Taelia Hodges, Hannah Huffman, Styan Lee, Caden Manning, Sybasia Mattox, Timothy Hoggard, Daviana Reddick, Chase Rodriguez, Ka'lyah Rodgers, Grace Sessions, Isabel Taylor, Yasmine Thomas, Elston Warren, Amelia Wells, Thomas Willoughby

South Creek Middle honor students announced

South Creek Middle School Principal Gregory Lentine recently announced the Principal's List and Honor Roll for the school first grading period.

Public Hearing Notice:

The Town of Williamston Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 7th at 5:30 PM at Town Hall. The public hearing will be in regards to a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance allowing Boutique Hotels in the Central Business District Zone. Any questions about the hearing or the proposed amendment may be forwarded to Cameron Braddy, Town Planner and Zoning Administrator at (252) 792-5142 or cbraddy@townofwilliamston.com.

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CRIME

Incidents and arrests in Martin County

Martin County Sheriff's Office Incidents

Oct. 34

Felony larceny was reported at 1465 North Houghton St. in Williamston.

Oct. 25

Found property (cash money) was reported at 1172 Pebble Ln. in Williamston.

Larceny of chosen in action was reported at Robinson's Heating and Air in Williamston.

Credit card/automotive machine fraud was reported at 1831 Piney Grove Church Rd. in Williamston.

Credit card fraud was reported at 1925 Archie Mobley Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 28

Intimidating a witness was reported at 1235 Evan Perry Rd. in Jamestown.

Oct. 27

Involuntary commitment was reported at 2100 Bonnie Best Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 28

Larceny of mail was reported at 2389 Reegan Ln. in Williamston.

Oct. 28

Possession of marijuana was reported at 4031 Rt. 171 in Jamestown.

Communicating threats and trespassing was reported at roadside near 1815 Thoroughfare Rd. in Williamston.

Oct. 29

Desecrating, plowing over or covering up graves, desecrating human graves was reported at 12745 NC 125 in Hamilton.

Arrests

Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is

determined through judicial proceedings. The Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of arrests include:

Oct. 27

Joseph William Hawkins was charged with violation of court order and intimidation.

Oct. 28

Nicholas Lee Bess was charged with possession of marijuana.

Williamston Police Incidents

The Williamston Police Department reports of incidents include:

Oct. 24

Injury to personal property was reported at 109 West Church St. in Williamston.

Simple assault was reported at 826 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Breaking and entering and injury to real property was reported at 400 Wash-

ington St. Apt. 1 in Williamston.

Obtain property by false pretenses was reported at 400 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 25

Resist, delay and obstruct was reported at West Main St. near Queen St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 500 East Church St. in Williamston.

Trespass was reported at 206 North Houghton St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 109 West Pine St. in Williamston.

Larceny was reported at 1529 Washington St. in Williamston.

Breaking and entering was reported at 525 West Blvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 28

Larceny was reported at 818 East Blvd. Ste. C1 in Williamston.

Oct. 29

Possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana was reported at 015 East Blvd./Galling St. in Williamston.

Simple assault was reported at 805 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Oct. 30

Missing person/other alert was reported at 836 East Blvd. in Williamston.

Injury to real property was reported at 104 Warren Ct. in Williamston.

Warrant service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction was reported at 104 Warren Ct. in Williamston.

Injury to personal property was reported at 125 West Main St. in Williamston.

Arrests

Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. The Williamston Police Department reports of arrests include:

Oct. 24

Roosevelt Crumble was charged with simple assault.

Oct. 25

Derek Bernard Sheppard, Jr. was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, including a riot and discharging a firearm into an enclosure.

Derek Bernard Sheppard, Jr. was charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied conveyance and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Oct. 26

Tracie Nicole Jackson was charged with larceny.

Oct. 30

Theris Lamont Hyman was charged with failure to appear on misdemeanor.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Dominion Energy North Carolina, Inc. for Authority to Adjust Its Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-174.2 and N.C.U.C. Rule 88-50.

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 3115, One Duke Building, 410 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-174.2 and Commission Rule 88-50 for the purpose of determining whether an increase or decrease, under or in excess of the 1.5%, is required to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(a).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-174.2 and Commission Rule 88-50. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the first full year and the magnitude of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the first year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Staged Migration rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Staged Migration request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.38 — an increase of 8%. The Staged Migration approach would then increase the service per kWh rate for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as illustrated for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing. Requiring filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requesting Public Notice Scheduling Order. Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper of news. Agents having general notice in its service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning at least 15 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the changes reflected in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2,399 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 2,870 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2,569 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2,409 cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; 1,845 cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; and 2,960 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$25.91 — an increase of approximately 23%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Staged Migration request, if approved and inclusion of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,205 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1,295 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1,285 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1,455 cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; 1,201 cents per kWh for rate schedule N3 customers; and 1,295 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$12.95 — an increase of approximately 12%. The Staged Migration approach would then increase the service per kWh rate for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as illustrated above for DENC's Full Recovery request. In its next full proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Staged Migration approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at ncuc.state.nc.us.

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to the Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection Unit, 6001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6001. Written statements may be emailed to ajay@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless these persons appear at the hearing and testify, confirming the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement making the application via the Commission's website at ncuc.state.nc.us. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

This is the 10th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Fossil Museum Receives State Funding

by: Hiram Lupton

As a prelude to the Aurora Fossil Museum's Vision and Planning Day, N.C. House Representative Keith Kidwell presented a ceremonial "Big Check" to the Museum in the amount of \$100,000. The grant from the State of North Carolina will be used to assist the museum in updating their facilities and moving their vision forward. On hand to receive the check were (l to r), Cliff Williams, Mayor of Aurora, N.C. Representative Keith Kidwell, Museum Executive Director, Cynthia Crane; Museum Board Chair, Bill Cook; Nitro-Phosphate Representative, Ray McKeithan; Museum Vice Chair, Candy Fuller. A great way to start a great day of planning for the Museum.

Hurricanes at the Net 1st Round State Playoffs

by: Hiram Lupton

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) state volleyball playoffs began Saturday and the Pamlico County High School Hurricanes, seeded #6 in the east, hosted the #27 seeded Clover Garden Charter School. The Hurricanes came out on top of their visitors from Burlington, winning 3-0 (25-9, 25-3, 25-19). Next up for Pamlico will be the tough East Wake Academy Eagles this Tuesday at home. We'll have results of that match in next week's issue.



Brynn Lerner (#10) gives high knees the ball for Pamlico.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALPH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric
Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel
Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2
and NCUC Rule 88-55.

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an incremental or decremental rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 81-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significant effect of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.74 – an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.38 – an increase of 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's fiscal balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2,569 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 2,580 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2,569 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2,569 cents per kWh for rate schedule 2S customers; 2,490 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6S customers; 2,536 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 2,569 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$25.91 – an increase of approximately 23%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,295 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1,295 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1,245 cents per kWh for rate schedule 2S customers; 1,253 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1,255 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$12.95 – an increase of approximately 12%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's revised Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Saffel, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection, Utilities, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-5001. Written statements may be emailed to utility@AGConsumer.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/consumer-nuchd.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Thus the 19th day of October, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

Health & Wellness

3 Steps to Take for Better Health This Fall



As people return to their fall routines, economic concerns are top of mind, and many are finding themselves spending more time worrying about the health of their things than the health of themselves.

According to new research by MDLIVE, an Evernorth company and leading provider of virtual care services, most people (87%) view fall as a time to get back into routines, pointing to reprioritizing schedules, getting kids started in the new school year and prepping for winter. However, only 20% of people say they are on top of routine doctor visits. Instead, they're prioritizing the health of their homes (71%) and their cars (83%), more so than are focused on routine, preventive care for their personal health (57%).

Why are Americans so evasive when it comes to caring for their physical wellness? Time, or lack of it, is one major factor. Despite 58% of people recognizing that putting off personal health affects how well they can care for other aspects of their lives, 47% say they put off routine health tasks because they are too busy. Another factor is cost – 38% of respondents say prioritizing health would be too expensive or force them to dip into money they have earmarked for other things.

"The majority of people with employer-sponsored health insurance have access to low-cost or no-cost preventive care, and millions can now access routine preventive care virtually through their health plan," said Dr. Vonnelle Roundtree, interim chief medical officer, MDLIVE. "It's incredibly convenient to fit into busy schedules and enables people to stay on top of important preventive care like wellness screenings and chronic care management."

According to Dr. Roundtree, there are three simple steps people can take as part of a fall preventive health routine that are low-cost and require little time:

1. **Keep up on vaccines:** Some experts predict a challenging flu season combined with the risk of other infectious diseases, all while bracing for a potential COVID surge. It's critical to get your flu shot and stay current on COVID boosters.

2. **Stay current on screenings:** Routine screenings are the first line of defense against many common illnesses, and addressing early signs of those conditions can often keep them from becoming chronic. However, since the start of COVID, screening rates for a number of conditions have fallen. Take an inventory of any overdue doctor visits or preventive care, such as screenings for breast and cervical, colorectal and skin cancer, and make the time to get them done.

Check your health plan to see your options, such as virtual wellness screenings that can save you a trip to the doctor's office and may be available to you at a \$0 copay depending on your health plan. For example, MDLIVE, a leading U.S. provider of virtual health care services, offers convenient, affordable access to medical and behavioral health care 24/7 from the comfort of home. More than 82 million individuals nationwide have access to the service as a covered benefit through their health plans and employers. To learn more, visit mdlive.com.

3. **Take control of chronic conditions:** Those living with chronic conditions should review their medications and dosages with their doctor to ensure they are up to date and to determine if anything should be changed or stopped.

"The fall season, with its focus on fresh starts, is the perfect opportunity to turn your attention to preventive healthcare," says Dr. Roundtree. "After all, your health is your most valuable asset."

"I always take Scotch whiskey at night as a preventive of toothache. I have never had the toothache; and what is more, I never intend to have it."

– Mark Twain

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



Just returned from a trip to Gastonia to visit Reba's mother in Assisted Living and when I hear people talking about climate change they need to see the beauty of nature in the upper part of the state. The trees are awesome with vibrant colors of red, orange, and yellow in the rolling hills. It was delightfully coming back home after we got off 85 that we call the race track with bumper traffic. Going up we hit the after work traffic in Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill so it was stop and go, stop and go and made me so glad that I don't have to drive in that former home in Durham any more. I want to have to play for church on Sunday but James Cuthrell played music I had recorded

and Elizabeth Cuthrell led the singing. Elizabeth said there were 25 in the congregation. Reba's mother Rita asked the Director of Terrace Ridge if I could play the piano for the residents during their dinner and we had a blast! They do not have anyone who does music, so they finished their dinner and sang every song I played. One of their favorites was "YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE." We ended the evening by ordering Mexican food and playing the card game Golf in Rita's room at the Home. My next door neighbors Melody and Maura and Bill and Sylvia Nickerson camped at the Cliffs of the Neuse in Kinston. Prayers for Mrs. Julia and sons of the church that are having health problems. Thought for the week—One more reminder to vote!!!

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



This past Thursday night Stonewall celebrated with their Fall Festival. Trisha Wood and her gang pulled out themselves. The 20th annual Fall Festival was the biggest gathering since Covid. It was wonderful to have between 100 and 200 children of all ages to share a hot dog supper with family and friends and play many fun games. As always, the cake walk was the big event of the evening for young and old alike. I thank all who participated and all who worked to make it a success. By the time you read this, Halloween will have passed, and I hope it was a safe day and evening for all at you.

The hearts and prayers of everyone in Pamlico continue to go out to our own Tillie Roberts who is presently at Vidant in Greenville. Also, please remember the families of Denard Potter, Jr. and Wilma Watson.

Sunday afternoon, Joanne Rodgers (of Pamlico) and Walt Summerlin celebrated with a gift certificate wedding shower at the Stonewall fellowship hall. Family and friends came from near and far to celebrate with the happy couple. They were blessed to have friends from New Bern, Jacksonville, and LaGrange as well as Pamlico County to share in their celebration. Refreshments were provided by the Methodist Women of Faith and music was provided by Craig Cooper. There were some fun games with the love and state park theme throughout the event.

The Oriental Museum continues to feature a display on North Carolina Lighthouses. Come find out what the diamonds mean on the Cape Hatteras Light House.

The construction at Trent Creek bridge in Merritt has been busy this week as they have been putting down the steel structures to support a temporary bridge. Traffic delays are to be expected. Chubbly in Merritt continues to prepare for opening and the excitement is mounting with each new addition.

Pamlico County Clergy gather weekly at Charlie's restaurant at 8:00 am on Thursdays.

Have a blessed week. Restless! Take Spiritual Vitamin R. "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prosper in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass." (Psalm 37:7)



Walter Grady Burmester & Joanne Louise Rodgers

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Mesic Town Board Hold Public Hearing for ARPA Project Review

The Mesic Town Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm to hear public input on proposed spending of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Some of the expenditures recommended by board members are: (1) Supplement the General Fund Budget (2) Street Repairs (3) Broadband Expansion.

The Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting will be conducted on November 10th following the Public Hearing.

These meetings will convene at the Mesic Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Pamlico News

Pamlico Musical Society Brings America's Got Talent Finalists to Oriental

Pamlico's own billboard-charting quartet, Sons of Serendip, won the hearts of fans and judges alike as finalists on "America's Got Talent" in 2014 with emotionally stirring interpretations of pop music, arranged with a unique blend of vocals, harp, piano, and cello. Serendip brought these four friends together to graduate school at Boston University but talent, dedication, and a desire to share their music with the world rocketed them to fame. Sons of Serendip will perform at the Old Theater in Oriental on Sunday, November 13, at 7:30 pm, presented by the Pamlico Musical Society. Join us and you'll be talking about this group for years to come!

The Sons of Serendip redefine classical crossover. Kendall Rasmussen, a former cello instructor from Charlotte, NC, is cellist, singer-songwriter and composer; Coslano Rodriguez, a former attorney from Charlotte, NC is pianist and guitarist; Maxon Morton, a former teacher from Atlanta, GA, is the harpist; and Michal Christian, a former teacher from Randolph, MA is lead vocalist for the group. Together they create music that fans describe as "memorizing," "healing and restorative," "silly beyond reason," "compelling and transformative." The group's collaborations with the Boston Pops, the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra are impressive; their intimate, acoustic experiences amazing.



Tickets to the concert are \$25 and are available at Musical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street, Oriental, at Musical Wheelers, 2024, Croton Street, New Bern and online at www.pamlicosociety.org. Tickets for sold-out shows may become available at the door last minute. Check at the box office at 7:15. We will be following state and local COVID

guidelines. For more information, call 252-617-2125.

For helping to make these concerts possible, the Pamlico Musical Society wishes to thank our season sponsor Beth Fraser and Assoc., Inc., business sponsors Armwicks Oriental and Gibbs Hall Hearing Aid Center, LLC and individual sponsors Jim and Leslie Kellenberger. We are also grateful for a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a Division of the Department of Cultural Resources, and South Arts, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, in support of this season.

Celebrating 25 years of presenting great music for our community, the Pamlico Musical Society is a non-profit organization bringing quality musical entertainment, enrichment, and education to Pamlico County. We welcome your support! To learn more about the benefits of joining our group, including advance discounted ticket sales and artist receptions, call 252-617-2125 or visit www.pamlicosociety.org, and like us on Facebook @pamlicosociety.

Rising Utility Costs



Much like the cost of a loaf of bread or a carton of eggs, now costs consumers considerably more than it did a couple of years ago, the price to heat and cool a home has risen considerably. Various factors, from climate-related events to supply chain issues to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, have been cited as contributors to the rise in utility costs, which is not just a North American problem. Following pandemic-induced lows in 2020, natural gas prices have risen consistently, even during off-peak months over the last year-plus. The cost of natural gas that's delivered through pipes was up 24 percent in February from the year prior. Electricity has gone up as well. According to Choose Energy, an energy reporting resource, electricity rates have risen across the

80 states in 2022 by anywhere from 1.7 percent over 2021 (Alaska) to 46.1 percent (Maine). The national average increase is 11.4 percent. CBS News reported in 2019 that Americans are paying up to 30 percent more on water and wastewater bills in less than a decade. Water and sewer bills are rising faster than inflation rates, having increased for an eighth consecutive year in a study of the country's 50 largest metropolitan regions. People concerned with the rising costs of utilities may have to be creative. Running appliances during off-peak hours; turning off lights and unplugging devices when not in use; investigating solar power; and investing in water-saving faucets, shower heads and toilets can help individuals curtail their energy consumption.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.2 and NCUC Rule R8-55.

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 3115, Dobbs Building, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provision of N.C. Gen. Stat. §62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. §62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the fuel recovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stopped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Stopped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during the Test Period by \$9.36 — an increase of 8%. The Stopped Mitigation approach would increase the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Regarding Filing of Testimony, and Regarding Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 33 days prior to its hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's default balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.2653 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.2935 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.2850 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.2455 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.2653 cents per kWh for rate schedule NP customers; and 1.2955 cents per kWh for customer lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$12.95 — an increase of approximately 12%. The Stopped Mitigation approach would then increase the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's revised Full Recovery request. In its next filing proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance remaining from the use of the Stopped Mitigation approach.

Also on October 12, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the system user to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayres, Executive Director, Public Staff, 432A Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection, Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilities@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements should be submitted to the Commission by the deadline of November 15, 2022. Written statements cannot be considered nor evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/contact.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

This the 13th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

Firefighter of the Month

By DALE HERNIMAN
Staff Writer

Firefighter of the Month for October at Plymouth Fire Department is Quincy Wesson.

Wesson is a 20-year-old who was born in Bertie County, but graduated from Washington County High School in 2022.

Wesson spent a short time in the PFD junior firefighter program prior to his high school graduation, according to PFD President Philip McHair.

A Career Day visit by firefighters Jeff Arnold and

Cliff Everett convinced Wesson to join the ranks. "I knew them both before, Jeff is my neighbor," Wesson says. "When they came to the school I decided to join. I like it and just enjoy it. It's a family. They push you to learn and to elevate yourself, to give 110 percent in every call."

Wesson is now a regular firefighter after a stint as a probationary. Training is ongoing one evening every week, he says.

"I know where I'll be every Tuesday night," PFD President Philip McHair says. Firefighters of the month are chosen by vote of company officers, based on qualities like dedication and attendance at dispatch calls.

Quincy Wesson



Omar Harris received the 2022 Tyrone Bell Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 at a virtual gala on Saturday, September 24. Omar, the son of Omar and Denise Harris, is a freshman at Campbell University. (Courtesy photo)

FINE PRINT: News from Washington County's public records

Communications log

(The following is a sampling of calls received by the communications division of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.)

October 14

12:10 p.m. Property recovered in Plymouth.

3:54 p.m. Officer requested to assist vehicle in Plymouth.

7:59 p.m. Vehicle accident in Roper.

1:28 p.m. Assault in Creswell.

1:58 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.

1:55 p.m. State first in Plymouth.

October 15

4:18 a.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.

1:28 a.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.

1:46 a.m. State first in Plymouth.

3:50 p.m. State first in Plymouth.

3:51 a.m. Assault in Roper.

6:08 a.m. Vehicle fire in Plymouth.

5:08 a.m. Ambulance needed in Creswell.

5:16 a.m. Illegally parked vehicle in Plymouth.

5:44 a.m. Ambulance needed in Roper.

11:43 a.m. Suspicious activity in Creswell.

12:10 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.

12:41 p.m. Report of a vehicle stolen in Roper.

2:59 p.m. Power outage in Plymouth.

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5:41 p.m. Burns or explosion in Roper.

5:45 p.m. Assault in Plymouth.

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8:14 p.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.

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9:38 p.m. Complaint of loud music in Plymouth.

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October 16

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8:48 a.m. Careless and reckless driving in Roper.

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October 18

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8:04 p.m. Animal complaint in Creswell.

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8:50 p.m. Shots fired in Plymouth.

October 19

1:13 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.

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1:16 a.m. Ambulance needed in Plymouth.

11:50 a.m. Motorist stranded in Roper.

7:15 p.m. Shoplifter in Plymouth.

7:22 p.m. Property damage in Creswell.

9:24 p.m. Shots fired in Roper.

October 20

8:41 a.m. Suspicious activity in Plymouth.

1:42 p.m. Fraud, scam or computer money in Plymouth.

4:14 p.m. Littering in Plymouth.

5:01 p.m. Juvenile problem in Plymouth.

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domestic violence, protective order violation. Being held (Washington County).

Rackwood Deion Norman, 26, Swainsboro Road, Bensenville, second-degree trespass. Being held. (Washington County)

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Jermaine Lamon White, 37, Ford Pine Drive, Plymouth, possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, two counts possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, and three counts possession of a Schedule II controlled substance. Being held.

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Youngsters hone skills on the gridiron



An Enforcer leaps high into the air, successfully intercepting the ball and keeping it safe from the opposing Falcons. (Staff photos by Arthur Howell)

By ARTHUR HOWELL
Staff Writer

Despite both of Washington County Recreation's Enforcers teams facing back-to-back defeats against the Benie Falcons teams, Saturday's games were still all about the fun of the game and perfecting skills.

The 8 and up Enforcers team took the field first and did their best to contend with the Falcons.

After an exciting and often hilarious hour the Falcons were victorious, defeating the young enforcers 20-6.

Afterwards the older crowd took to the field to try their hand at the Falcons.

Despite playing a good game, the Falcons again

came out on top, defeating the Enforcers by a score

of 36-6, securing their second victory of the day.



A Washington County Enforcer wraps up a Falcon in a big bear hug, later taking him to the ground, after catching up to him following a hot pursuit down the field.



The ball was often left behind during one of the many skirmishes and lockups between the Enforcers and Falcon teams. Despite their tenacity, the Enforcers fell to the Falcons during both of Saturday's morning games.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-24, SUB 644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power
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Rates and Charges and Renew its Fuel
Price Payment to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.2
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Rates, Rates and Charges and Renew its Fuel Price Payment to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.2 and N.C. Stat. 62-133.2.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. 62-133.2 and Commission Rule 85-55. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the first period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 – an increase of 17% – as the net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during that period by \$1.96 – an increase of 2%.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Mitigate the Company's deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noted in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2,599 cents per kWh for residential customers; 2,571 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2,595 cents per kWh for large general service and public authority customers; 2,490 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1,845 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1,803 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1,355 cents per kWh for on-site lighting and medical customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during that period by \$18.76 – an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,255 cents per kWh for residential customers; 1,295 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for large general service and public authority customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1,250 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1,255 cents per kWh for on-site lighting and medical customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during that period by \$12.95 – an increase of approximately 12%.

The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase the rate per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those rates above for DENC's request Full Recovery request, in its next full proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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HCC announces presidential finalists

BY THE HERALD STAFF REPORTERS

The Halifax Community College Board of Trustees announced Tuesday it has selected three finalists for the presidency of HCC.

"We would like to thank the entire college community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next president," said Chairman Michael Williams in a press release received Tuesday. "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, work, and effort."

The HCC presidential finalists are listed in alphabetical order:

• **Patrena Benton Elliott, Ph.D.**, is Vice President for Instruction and Student Support Services/Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer at Robeson Community College in Lumberton. She previously served as Dean of Academic Affairs and Operations at South University in High Point. Elliott earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies and a Master of Science in Adult Education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro; and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill.

• **Pamela Monaco, Ph.D.**, is Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago. She previously served as Dean of Instruction at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago. Monaco earned a Doctor of Philosophy in English and a Master of Arts in English from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

• **Carmen Nunalee, Ed.D.**, is Vice President of Strategy and Performance and Dean of the Crutcherfield Campus at St. John's Community College in Albemarle. She previously served as vice president of Strategic Planning and Compliance at St. John's Community College in Albemarle. Nunalee earned a Doctor of Education in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University in Raleigh; a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia; a Master of Science in Microbiology-Immunology from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Meredith College in Raleigh.

Public forums will take place the week of Oct. 31 and each candidate will participate in a one-hour forum. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in the open forums. Forums will be open to all faculty, administrators, staff, students and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. Forums will be conducted in person in room 108 of the Dr. Phillip W. Taylor Complex on the campus of Halifax Community College in Weldon. Doors will open at



PATRENA BENTON ELLIOTT



PAMELA MONACO



CARMEN NUNALEE

2:30 p.m. and the forum will begin at 3 p.m.

OPEN FORUM SCHEDULE

• Monday — Patrena Benton Elliott

• Tuesday — Carmen Nunalee

• Wednesday — Pamela Monaco

"We are looking forward to a successful completion of the presidential search process," Williams said.

For more information, contact ACCT Search Consultant Kennon Briggs at kennondh@gmail.com or 919-621-7988, or Williams at michael_williams@hcc.edu or 252-530-7222.

Halloween events starting this weekend in the Valley

BY HERALD STAFF REPORTERS

weldonpd.com or 252-536-3136.

Halloween Celebration

LAKE GASTON — The Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a Trick or Treat and Halloween Celebration with Lake Gaston businesses from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday. There will be treats, tricks, face painting, and more. Visit the following businesses: Lake Life Chilling Company, 2471 Eaton Ferry Road; Lake Gaston Outfitters, 2401 Eaton Ferry Road; NAPA Auto Parts, Food Lion Shopping Center; Lake Gaston Pizzeria & More, Food Lion Shopping Center; Food Lion of Lake Gaston; Subway, 2377 Eaton Ferry Road; Lake Gaston Coffee Company, 104 Wellington Way; and Ace Hardware of Lake Gaston, 144 Elms Road.

Weldon Halloween hours

WELDON — The Town of Weldon will recognize trick-or-treating from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Also, the Weldon Police Department along with businesses in the 100, 300 and 500 blocks of Washington Avenue will be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters during this time as well. Any other businesses in the area that would like to participate are welcome to contact Chief Christopher Davis at cdavis@weldonpd.com or 252-536-3136.

Garysburg Halloween hours

GARYSBURG — The Town of Garysburg will observe Halloween for trick-or-treaters ages 13 and younger from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Trunk or Treat in Enfield

ENFIELD — The KnightCrawlers ATV Club Inc., a nonprofit Enfield organization, will hold a Halloween Trunk or Treat event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Enfield Parks & Recreation, 602 Railroad St. There will be music, games, food, fun and much more, with all kids welcome. If you would like to see up a space to give out candy/treats or if you would like to make a donation, call 252-801-8557 or 252-406-5621, or email knightcrawlers@yahoo.com.

RR Halloween hours

The City of Roanoke Rapids will observe Halloween and encourages trick-or-treating from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Trunk or Treat in Roanoke Rapids

A Trunk or Treat will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Aquatic Center parking lot, Sixth and Carolina streets. If your business or community

organization would like to participate by decorating your vehicle and passing out candy, contact Tina May or Police Chief Bobby Martin at 252-533-2810 to reserve your spot. For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 252-533-2847, extension 3.

Halloween Carnival

A Halloween Carnival featuring games, candy and a selfie station will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at TJ Davis Recreation Center, 400 E. Sixth St.

Halloween Party

A Halloween Party featuring games, snacks and candy will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Chaloner Recreation Center, 200 Dixie St.

Table or Treat Harvest Festival

A Table or Treat Harvest Festival will be from 6 to 6 p.m., or until candy runs out, on Monday at the Family Life Center/Gym at Calvary Baptist Church, 1405 Bolling Road in Roanoke Rapids.

Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat

LITTLETON — A Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday on North Main Street. This is a drive-thru event only, no pedestrians.

NCDOT to close highway for repair

HALIFAX — N.C. Highway 903 near a busy junction with N.C. Highway 125 outside the town of Halifax will be closed in both directions on Monday for a drainage pipe replacement.

According to a press release from the N.C. Department of Transportation, maintenance crews plan to begin the

closure at 8 a.m. and a metal pipe that has begun to fail. A detour will send drivers onto N.C. 125, Reese's Store Road and U.S. Route 301.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DOCKET NO. E-12, SUP. 644
REOPEN THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, aka Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Rates; Rate of Return for Electric Service in the State of North Carolina; and N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-137.2 and N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-137.3
SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed adjustment of rates for Dominion Energy North Carolina, Inc. and its subsidiaries, for the month of January 1, 2023. The public hearing has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2023, at the Utilities Commission Hearing Room 2115, Duke Building, 405 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-137.2 and Commission Rule 84.15 for the purpose of determining whether an increase in the rates of Dominion Energy North Carolina, Inc. and its subsidiaries is warranted. Public testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 84.15(g).
On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its first and last-included cost recovery program in N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-137.2 and Commission Rule 84-15. By its application, DENC requests a change in its first-included cost recovery program for the month of January 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the impact of this application on the public, the Commission has determined that a public hearing is warranted. The Commission's decision on this application will be made on or before January 1, 2023. The Commission's decision will be based on the evidence presented at the public hearing and the Commission's own investigation. The Commission's decision will be subject to review by the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Commission's decision will be final and binding on all parties to the proceeding.
On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Reopening Filing of Testimony Establishing Recovery of Costs, and Reopening Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to the hearing.
On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify First Period to include the Company's default balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice.
DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2,599 cents per kWh for residential customers; 1,295 cents per kWh for small general service customers; 1,485 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2,599 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 2,596 cents per kWh for rate schedule DVF customers; and 2,598 cents per kWh for rate schedule DVF customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$12.95 – an increase of approximately 13%. The Scheduling Order requires that the net effect of this request be no more than 10% of the net effect of the original request. The Commission's decision on this request will be based on the evidence presented at the public hearing and the Commission's own investigation. The Commission's decision will be subject to review by the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Commission's decision will be final and binding on all parties to the proceeding.
Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of its rate request.
Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.
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This is the 10th day of October, 2022.
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Josh K. Green, Deputy Chair

ROCKET REPORT

A very different school year

By RACHEL MORRISON
Rocket Report

The current school year has already been very different from last year. With all new administrators, a failure-to-attend policy, e-hallpass, allowing seniors to paint parking spots, there is a different vibe around school. The new administration is trying not to focus on rules that do not impact learning and rather is focusing on students and their success while trying to help students feel comfortable enough to speak to either teachers or administrators if there is a problem.

Previously, students were falling behind academically, not feeling acknowledged by administrators, which led to many other issues, including skipping class, many hallways were full and an overall feeling of students not wanting to be here.

With the new administration changes have been made to address these issues. I spoke to Mr. Hargrove, who is one of our new members of the administration and Mr. Crabtree, a second-year teacher here at Person High, to see what they had to say about these new changes.

It is important to know how administrators and teachers are viewing the new changes. Mr. Crabtree says he is happy about

the new administration and thinks they will actually get things done at school. He says the e-hallpass has its ups and downs, it is helpful by keeping students from walking around the school so there is less skipping, but has its problems. Girls and boys bathrooms, for example, are labeled specifically in the e-hallpass system. Unfortunately, there is a maximum capacity on the bathrooms.

If there is a total of six people allowed in the bathrooms, this could prevent students from using the bathroom because the maximum amount of people are all in, for example, the boys bathroom, this means no girls can go, even if no one is in their bathroom. Crabtree believes that the changes are really helpful and that new administration will bring new consistency that we did not have last year. He additionally feels that the e-hallpass will help keep proper usage of our bathrooms.

Mr. Hargrove believes that the changes that have been made are positive and well-intended and wants to make sure our new administration team stays focused on why they made the changes as they can have a good impact on the school. He believes that these changes were very necessary for the good of our school, specifically, the seniors painting parking spots

go along with students having school pride and give them something to be proud of. Admin is hoping that the changes here will help students feel like school is a place they enjoy coming to.

Now we know what our administration and teachers think about the changes, but they have opinions about what the student might think. Crabtree thinks that students will be unfazed by the e-hallpasses because it's just more technology, which has become the norm for students. Hargrove says he thinks students will like this new environment, since it feels different this year and more positive. These changes seem to be helpful in the school, but are they here to stay? Crabtree thinks they will last, because several of the administrators have been here before, so they already know how the school runs and the school staff will stick around because it holds students accountable with the bathrooms. Hargrove is hopeful, but stated it takes people acting on these changes and not just making empty promises. He also indicated that admin is looking for feedback from the students, and one way they can give feedback is by joining the student council.

The changes that
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The life of a star athlete

By ALAYNA MAJORS
Rocket Report

Being a star athlete requires a lot more than practice to prepare for the big game. The struggles of schoolwork and college scouts play a big part in this whole process, especially as a senior. I interviewed a senior football player here at Person High and asked a few questions regarding the challenges of being an athlete.

Julian Crawley, a senior football player, says schoolwork sometimes is hard to complete after long practices and loss of energy, as well. Crawley expresses how the exercises that come along with practices, for example, weightlifting is one of the most tiring jobs he has as a player. The player also expresses that going to practice, finishing work afterwards can last for hours and waking up for school on time after a day filled with prac-

tice and sports preparation can be a struggle.

As the captain of his team, Crawley states it is a lot more responsibility and takes more time than just being a player on the team. Showing leadership for his team and setting an example is a job he has to do on a daily basis. "I'm a fun person and everyone knows that, but being a captain does not make it seem like that. I always have to be serious and can't allow any playing around," he says.

New playbooks, coaches and teammates are only some of the changes Crawley has faced from his freshman year leading up to his senior year as a football player. "Learning how to take everyone and his coaches' expectations seriously" is a big part of having a successful team he states.

When asked about his plans after

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The changes within the school

By GAVIN CAMPBELL
Rocket Report

Well, another school year is already upon us, bringing many changes throughout Person High School. Last year, in 2021-2022, we had laughs, lots of craziness, much happiness, some anger, and even a little sadness, but most of all, we had a multitude of memories. And, just like memories are in the past, some of the former rules are now in the past, as well.

For the 2022-2023 school year, there have been many changes in policies. Freshmen likely do not realize there have been so many changes in policies, and processes but for the upperclassmen, I am sure you have noticed. So much has occurred over the summer, in

terms of changes to administration, as well as school rules and other guidelines. For instance, the FGA (failure to attend) policy has been reinstated, for those who remember it before COVID-19 struck North Carolina and the rest of the world.

Another change, for instance, would be the bathroom/hall passes being doubled-down (physically and, now, digitally). Some classes are not only requiring students to complete a digital pass, but are also mandating students have a physical pass with them, as well.

During your daily routine at school, you may have noticed that clubs are now in action, and some have even been added to the Per-

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-41-508 844
RE: THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Purchase Contract with F.C. Gas, Inc. et al. 2022 and NCUIC Rule 28-05

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the matter of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing on Docket No. E-41-508 844, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 3113, 400 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the request of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 6-113.2 and Commission Rule 28-05. For the purpose of determining whether an amendment or determination is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent incurred fuel and fuel-related costs, Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 28-05.

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 6-113.2 and Commission Rule 28-05. By its application, DENC requests a change in the fuel charges shown for service rendered on and after January 1, 2023. Due to the significant increase in fuel rates since January 1, 2022, DENC requests two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stopped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity from the period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, to the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those filed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Submitting Discovery Questions, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice to its ratepayer or ratepayers having general circulation in its service area one week prior to two consecutive weeks beginning at least 32 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's desired balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional decrease in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges stated in the original Public Notice.

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This is the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Erica M. Green, Deputy Clerk

Smith

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and investment in military readiness.

"We're seeing firsthand what happens to our country when we have weak leadership," she said. "The country is unstable. The world is unstable. We need to take back control and right the ship in this country and get our military built back up."

Smith told attendees

that Davis voted against the N.C. Parents' Bill of Rights. The legislation, which passed the state Senate 28-18 but was shelved when it returned to the House for a concurrence vote, sought to establish that parents are responsible for children's religious and moral education and to prevent schools from withholding records or health information from parents.

"We've allowed the radicals to try to destroy the family nucleus," she said.

"I'm going to tell you right now: we're going to stand up and start fighting for families."

Encouraging voters to send Smith to Washington, state GOP Chairman Michael Whatley said. Republicans have a strong chance to capture the House majority.

"I really want to win that seat," he said. "Because we're going to use it to send Nancy Pelosi back to San Francisco where she belongs."

Republicans only need

to flip one Senate seat to gain control of the upper chamber, depriving Vice President Kamala Harris of her filibustering vote.

"It's very likely that it's going to come down to North Carolina to determine who has control of the United States Senate," Whatley said. "Thank God Ted Budd is our nominee. Ted Budd is an American first, North Carolina first candidate. He is a man of God. He's going to be tough on China and Russia. He's going to protect

our southern border. He's going to fight every day for the Second Amendment and the sanctity of life. And he's going to fight every single day for you and your family and families just like yours all across North Carolina."

State House Speaker Tim Moore said electing GOP candidates like Allen Chesser in Nash County's House District 25 will restore Republicans' supermajority in the General Assembly, holding Gov. Roy Cooper's veto power

in check for the final two years of his second term. "Roy Cooper shut this state down," Moore said, referring to COVID-19 emergency orders. "We were one of the last states in the country to reopen. Our governor carries a lot of that blame. We tried to reopen this state several times, but we always fell short. Do you know why? We couldn't override his veto. Well, we've gotten closer every year, and this year's the year we're going to get there."

Midterm

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would "help everybody — not only just a few folks or a certain group of people."

Richardson cited abortion and the economy as the issues most important to her in the midterm campaign.

Nash County Commissioner Fred Belfield said he doesn't care who's in power because politicians "don't know what to do" without input from their constituents.

"They need to listen to the people," said Belfield, who represents District 2 on the county board.

State Democratic Party Chairwoman Bobbie Richardson opened the rally with introductions before turning the lectern over to Butterfield, who will retire in January after serving nine consecutive U.S. House terms.

During a Wilson cam-



Attendees gather outside Word Tabernacle Church's Impact Center on Thursday for a stop on the North Carolina Democratic Party's "Vote for H.O.C." statewide bus tour featuring 1st Congressional District nominee Don Davis and N.C. General Assembly candidates. Hannah Whitley Carreras / Enterprise

aign rally with House Majority Whip Jim Claxton of South Carolina held the day prior, Butter-

field said he encouraged Davis to run for the 1st District seat and wanted to pass the baton to his long-

time friend and ally.

"I can tell you that Don Davis has all the qualifications — all the political qualifications, all the academic qualifications, everything we need in a congressman," Butterfield said. "I'm going to be proud on Jan. 3 if you turn out and vote. When I say 'you,' I mean all of us. If we turn out and vote in large numbers, we're going to have a congressman we can be proud of."

Davis served eight years in the Air Force before returning to his native Greene County and becoming Snow Hill's youngest mayor. He's currently wrapping up his sixth consecutive N.C. Senate term and wants to continue his work in the nation's capital.

After sharing his re-

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marks, Davis introduced Franklin County Commissioner Mark Speed, the Democratic candidate for N.C. Senate District 11.

Following Speed at the podium was state Rep. James Gaillard, who's seeking reelection in House District 25 and, as Word Tabernacle's senior pastor, hosted the rally on his home turf.

Gaillard introduced Rep. Linda Cooper-Soggs, D-Wilson, who's running to retain her House Dis-

trict 24 seat. Nash County's Sherrington precinct joins the entirety of Wilson County in District 24 this year under redrawn state legislative district maps.

Cooper-Soggs invited Belfield to speak, and Speed then returned to share another brief message.

Gaillard said his campaign committee paid for attendees' lunches from the Royal Paradise food truck formerly known as Taste of Paradise.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application for Virginia Electric and Power Company's Electric Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Rate Factors Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 22-131.2 and N.C.U.C. Rule 88-65.

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company's Electric Energy North Carolina (DENC) at the public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing on Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Double Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 22-131.2 and N.C.U.C. Rule 88-65. The Commission is seeking comments on whether an instrument or document rule is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 88-11(a).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 22-131.2 and Commission Rule 88-65. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel costs during the 1st Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stopped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$12.76 — an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Stopped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during that period by \$9.26 — an increase of 13%. The Stopped Mitigation approach would then increase to the average kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, as time listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

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DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 2,599 cents per kWh for residential customers; 2,599 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1,350 cents per kWh for large industrial service customers; 1,350 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1,295 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers and 1,295 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$12.76 — an increase of approximately 17%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Stopped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,295 cents per kWh for residential customers; 1,295 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1,350 cents per kWh for large industrial service customers; 1,350 cents per kWh for rate schedule GVP customers; and 1,295 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$9.26 — an increase of approximately 13%.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Agers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 3001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0001. Written statements may be emailed to publicstaff@ncuc.com.

Petitioners desiring to amend written statements to inform the Commission of changes to the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4335 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered complete evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and notify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also create the Commission's statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com/online-hr. In either case, continued statements will be filed in the Public Staff's file. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

This is the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Fundraising

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als, \$202,300 from political action committees and \$500 from political party committees, his October quarterly report states. He didn't loan his campaign any money during the third quarter of 2022.

A businesswoman and military mom who lives in Rocky Mount, Smith received \$290,011.85 in individual contributions, \$27,000 from PACs and \$13,081.83 in transfers from other authorized committees, with no money coming from political party committees. The \$200,000 loan to her campaign boosted her over the half-million-dollar mark.

For the entire election cycle, Smith's campaign has collected \$1,094,282.51 and Davis and his backers have raised \$1,528,889.37.

Despite the difference between those sums, Davis has received more campaign contributions than his opponent. Smith loaned her campaign a combined total of \$652,000, while her counterpart loaned \$19,000 to his own committee.

Davis significantly outspent Smith in the third-quarter fundraising period. His report shows \$497,363.79 in operating expenses and \$507,137.97 in total disbursements. Smith spent \$162,683.80 on her campaign's operation and paid a total of \$165,014.52 from the committee's account in the 90-day snapshot of candidate finances.

Due largely to loan proceeds, Smith enters the three-week countdown to North Carolina's Nov. 8 midterm with more money in the bank. Her campaign

reported \$418,427.96 in cash on hand compared to Davis' \$320,264.34 in cash reserves.

Sandy Smith for Congress Inc. owes Smith \$283,435 in loan repayments, according to FEC filings. Davis' committee, Don Davis for NC, still owes the candidate the full balance of his \$19,000 loan.

Edging the \$2 million mark would place either candidate in rare company: Throughout North Carolina's 14 congressional districts, only four Democrats and four Republicans have raised more than that amount for next month's election.

Democrats with the highest year-to-date fundraising totals are Jeff Jackson in the 12th District (\$8.3 million), Wiley Nickel in the 13th (\$2.9 million), Kathy Manning in the 9th (\$2.7 million) and Jasmine Beach-Ferrari in the 11th (\$2.1 million).

Republicans who have raised the most money so far include Madison Cawthon (\$4.4 million) who lost his 11th District primary to GOP opponent Chuck Edwards, Kelly Daughtry in the 13th (\$3.6 million), Patrick McHenry in the 10th (\$3.5 million) and Richard Hudson in the 6th District (\$2.9 million).

Candidates for federal office are required to file quarterly reports with the FEC. In state and local contests, filings are submitted to the N.C. State Board of Elections, which uses a different schedule to set campaign finance report deadlines.

Disclosures for North Carolina's "third quarter plus" reporting period, which includes July through September and Oct. 1-22, are due on Nov. 1.

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VICTORY GARDEN GAL

NC State Fair time in the victory garden



DEEANN RIVERA

In case I haven't mentioned it lately, I love North Carolina. In October it is stunningly beautiful, and the weather is perfect! I am always trying to get family and friends to visit me in October or April. These two months are absolutely breathtaking, and anyone who hasn't experienced it is missing a bit of heaven on earth.

Since the weather is amazing, we went to the North Carolina State Fair last weekend. We have lived in North Carolina for about eight years at different times and we had never made it to the fair. I grew up in Texas, where the state fair lasts

an entire month. We were determined to make it this year.

One of the big differences I noticed in the carnival rides. Texas has a lot of carnival rides, but they are not the main event. I am used to seeing large houses of animals, crafts and tons of food, so the N.C. State Fair was a bit of a surprise. The rides seemed to take up a lot of space and the food seemed like an afterthought. Although the food we did try was really good.

The other difference is the crowd. I suppose with everyone wanting to go in only 14 days, I should have expected it to be packed. I didn't expect it, but it was completely packed! It was hard to view the things in the buildings because we were all shoulder to shoulder.

der. If we go again, I will try a weekday and not a weekend. Perhaps we will be able to look at things easier.

Even though it was different from what I grew up with, I love the spirit of the fair. I loved seeing the work and talent that so many people get to express — seeing all the produce that North Carolina supports and the incredible size some fruits and vegetables reached. It was especially thrilling seeing our own Danny Venter's highly decorated giant pumpkin!

When I was in high school, my home economics class always participated in the Wise County Youth Fair. All of the participants were in school, from elementary to high school. Any student in Wise County could submit projects. There were

crafts, animals and food. At some point in my high school years, I submitted at least one of something. I did not disappoint, sewing, baking and even had a lamb one year.

I won first place in some events, but my most memorable placing was winning the grand champion title. Oddly enough, it was for a cake. All of the first-place foods advanced for further judging and vied for overall grand champion honors. My cake was pitted against yeast rolls, quick breads, cookies, scratch cakes, pie and bar cookies — my category was creative cake. Can you imagine the stomachache the judges must have had?

My teacher had given me three cake recipes to choose from. So, of course, I used my family as taste testers. There

were five kids in my family, so getting a unanimous vote is challenging. I made seven cakes in a week, and the one that won the fastest was the pecan and praline cream cake. I entered it with a lot of confidence because everyone in my family loved it. My cake won first place and then grand champion.

The highlight of winning grand champion was being able to participate in the auction. The Wise County Youth Fair auction was mostly made up of animals, but a craft or food item would be auctioned if it won the grand champion title. Thirty-eight years ago, my cake sold for \$750. I was so excited! My cousin was miffed because his pig only went for \$200, but his pig placed third.

It's been several years since I made this cake because liquid brown

sugar is now hard to find. I have made it by dissolving brown sugar into liquid, but it never turns out good. After visiting the fair, I decided it was time to dust off the recipe and share it with my children. I found liquid brown sugar on Amazon — it was so expensive! — and will be making it for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

My parents are visiting at Christmas and have requested it while they are here — it really is that good! The Grand Champion Pecan and Praline Cream Cake is pretty easy to make, but you will be hard-pressed to have leftovers!

DeeAnn Rivera is a Spring Hope resident who blogs at VictoryGardenGal.com. Email her at VictoryGardenGal@gmail.com.

Grand Champion Pecan and Praline Cream Cake

CAKE

1 cup of pecan halves, toasted

1 package of yellow cake

1 cup of water

ICING

Box of powdered sugar

1 stick of butter or margarine

½ cup of brown sugar, packed

½ cup of oil

3 eggs, beaten

8 ounces cream cheese

Vanilla

1 teaspoon of vanilla

3 ounces of cream cheese

2 tablespoons liquid brown sugar

1. Bake pecan halves at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-10 minutes. Save the pretty halves for the top and chop the other halves to add to the cake.
2. Mix all cake ingredients together (except the whole pecan halves) with a mixer until well blended.
3. Grease and flour two round cake pans. Pour batter into prepared pans and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Cake will pull away from the sides of the pan and be firm in the middle.
4. Make icing while the cake is baking. Mix all icing ingredients together until smooth.
5. Let the cake cool out of the pan on a rack.
6. Icing will be in the middle of the two layers and covering the entire cake.
7. Put the pretty pecans on top.
8. Take the first slice, because this cake will disappear quickly!

NASH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Martinez earns staff award

For The Enterprise

ROCKY MOUNT — Nash Community College has named Renee Martinez as its 2023 J. Edgar and Peggie T. Moore Staff Award recipient. Martinez will represent NCC as a nominee for the 2023 North Carolina Community College System Staff Award.

Martinez began working at Nash Community College in 2010 as an English instructor and is currently the executive director of advising services. She previously served as vice curriculum coordinator, faculty development coordinator and director of advising.

"Martinez demonstrates the mission of the college and commitment to students by enhancing processes in the Advising Center to remove barriers and meet the needs of students," a college news release states. "She is also a part of the team working on the Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Education Initiative focused on higher Black, Hispanic/Latino and Native American adults

earn credentials."

Martinez earned an Associate of Arts from Peace College, bachelor's and master's degrees in English from East Carolina University and a Master of Adult Education from East Carolina University. She also has completed professional development training at the state and national level.

The staff award is an annual award recognizing the outstanding work ethic of a non-instructional employee at NCC. J. Edgar and Peggie T. Moore of Rocky Mount established the award in 2004.

The Moores were longtime friends of the college, also providing support for the Excellence in Teaching Award. In 1958, they established the NCC J. Edgar and Peggie T. Moore Faculty Senate Scholarship and later funded the Peggie Thigpen Moore Endowed Chair for Culinary Arts in 2009 honoring NCC culinary faculty. The Peggie T. Moore Culinary Arts Wing in the college's Business and Industry Center honors the couple's legacy.

SCV members clean Civil War cemeteries in Elm City

For The Enterprise

ELM CITY — The Sons of Confederate Veterans' Gen. William Dorsey Pender Camp No. 1918 and Capt. Jesse S. Barnes Camp No. 771 of Wilson cleaned the Langley and Thompson cemeteries near Elm City on Oct. 22.

SCV members and neighbors conducted the cleanups in honor of Sgt. William H. Langley, a Nash County native, and Pvt. Dr. Franklin Thompson, a Wilson County native. Both men served North Carolina in the War between the States.

Langley was an infantryman who enlisted in the 7th N.C. Co. E., on June 16, 1861. He fought with this unit in many battles

while it was under the command of Maj. Gen. A.P. Hill and Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

He was wounded while fighting at the battle of On Hill where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee attempted to surround the Union army of Gen. John Pope and bleed him toward Washington, D.C., after the Second Battle of Manassas. He also was wounded and captured during the Confederate victory at Chancellorsville. Langley returned to the area after the war and settled near Elm City.

Thompson was a Confederate cavalryman who served in the 19th N.C. Cavalry Co. E., also known as the Wilson

County Raiders, under Capt. Lawrence. He was killed during the Battle of Petersburg, Virginia, in May 1864. Afterward, his father traveled there to retrieve the body and brought him back to Wilson County, burying him in the Thompson family cemetery.

The William Dorsey Pender Camp No. 1918 and the Capt. Jesse S. Barnes Camp No. 771 are based in Wilson and are part of the North Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The organization is dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the citizen-soldiers who fought for the South during the Civil War.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Review its Fuel Costs Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §22-135.2 and NCUIC Rule 88-55.

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On August 9, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. §22-135.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests a change to its fuel charge effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the under recovery of its fuel cost during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments: (1) the Commission's continuation of a Fuel Recovery rate and a Stopped Mitigation rate. As filed, the rate effect of DENC's Fuel Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during the period by \$9.39 — an increase of 1%. The Stopped Mitigation request would then decrease the rate effect for kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as shown listed in DENC's Fuel Recovery request.

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DENC's supplemental update to the Fuel Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.24% cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.20% cents per kWh for small general service customers; 1.16% cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.35% cents per kWh for rate schedule 143 customers; 1.45% cents per kWh for rate schedule 145 customers; 1.50% cents per kWh for rate schedule 147 customers; 1.55% cents per kWh for rate schedule 149 customers; 1.60% cents per kWh for rate schedule 151 customers; 1.65% cents per kWh for rate schedule 153 customers; 1.70% cents per kWh for rate schedule 155 customers; 1.75% cents per kWh for rate schedule 157 customers; 1.80% cents per kWh for rate schedule 159 customers; 1.85% cents per kWh for rate schedule 161 customers; 1.90% cents per kWh for rate schedule 163 customers; 1.95% cents per kWh for rate schedule 165 customers; 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Gratin great for cheese-lovers

As the saying goes, if it's not broken, don't fix it. I agree with this philosophy, but with one caveat: You can always add more cheese — especially when making a potato gratin. A potato gratin is a cheese lover's gift, with ultrathin layers of sliced potatoes blanketed in oozing cheese, cream and, yes, more cheese. It's a rich and comforting side dish, guaranteed to soothe any seasonal blues.

It's important to invest in the

cheese you choose for a gratin. Your cheese must easily melt, of course, and should also provide flavor to the entire dish, including hints of sharpness, nuttiness and/or saltiness. A sturdy source I recommend would be the Swiss alpine. Note that the term "Swiss" does not refer to the ubiquitous hole-riddled cheese you'll find at your supermarket deli counter. Swiss, in this context, refers to the country and its mountainous alpine regions.

The Swiss cheese types may vary in flavor and strength depending on their age and region, but the common denominator is that they are sourced from their happy cows that blissfully feed on the grass and forage in the mountains and valleys, which in turn imbue and flavor the cows' milk. The result is a smattering of sublime cheeses that are sweet, nutty, firm and earthy and have a flavorful impact. They are worth the splurge.

Swiss Potato Gratin

Active time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour and 45 minutes
Yield: Serves 6
Ingredients:
Unsalted butter
2 eggs (8 ounces) sour cream
1/4 cup heavy cream or half and half



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A potato gratin is a cheese lover's gift, with ultrathin layers of sliced potatoes blanketed in oozing cheese, cream and more cheese.

3 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill and/or rosemary leaves
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
6 ounces coarsely grated Gruyère cheese
6 ounces coarsely grated ricotta or Appenzeller cheese

2 1/2 to 3 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, very thinly sliced, preferably with a mandoline
Steps:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 2-quart gratin or baking dish.

Whisk the sour cream, cream, garlic, thyme, nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a bowl. Combine the cheeses in a separate bowl.

Arrange half of the potatoes in an overlapping layer in the baking dish. Lightly season with salt and black pepper. Sprinkle half of the cream mixture over the potatoes. Sprinkle half of the cheese over the cream. Arrange the remaining potatoes over the cheese and season with salt and black pepper. Top with the remaining cream and then sprinkle the cheese to cover.

Burnt one side of a piece of aluminum foil and place the foil, butter side down, over the dish. Bake for 1 hour. Remove the foil and bake until the top is golden brown and bubbly and the potatoes are tender when a knife is inserted, 20 to 30 minutes more. Let the gratin cool for 15 to 20 minutes to set. Serve warm.

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Sweeteners unproven in fight against diabetes

The experts continue to plead with us, especially if we aren't going to develop or control diabetes, to get your vaccines and boosters. Reduce your risk by eating healthy, exercising and getting enough sleep.



KATHY KOLASA

Q My mom has diabetes and I drink a lot of soda. Should I switch to artificially sweetened drinks? I hear both good and bad things about them. —J.G., Aydes

A It sounds like you are considering lifestyle changes to lower your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Good for you. If you have a family history of type 2 diabetes, you can reduce your risks of developing the disease with lifestyle changes. Bridget Callaghan is a third-year biology medical student, and she will try to help you decide what actions to take. Here is what she wants you to know.

Beverages and foods sweetened with FDA-approved, low-calorie sweeteners including Acesulfame potassium, Advantame, Aspartame, Monk fruit sweeteners, Neotame, Saccharin, Stevia sweeteners and Sucralose are considered safe for all — except people with Phenylketonuria or PKU must avoid aspartame.

You probably recognize the brand names of the sweeteners like Equal, Sugar Twin, Sweet 'N Low, SPLENDA or the color of their bags — pink, blue and yellow. Low-calorie sweeteners give drinks all the sweetness of regular soda or sweetener with few or no calories. Some people think they can drink all they want. Does that sound too good to be true? It might be.

It's no secret that regularly drinking sugar-sweetened beverages like soda or sweet tea increases the risk of devel-

oping type 2 diabetes, heart disease and obesity. So, it might seem like a no-brainer to switch. I will explain a bit later why you need to do so thoughtfully. In the meantime, the evidence remains unwavering for choosing water, coffee or unsweet tea instead of sweetened drinks as the time-tested healthier choice.

(According to the American Diabetes Association, sugar substitutes may be effective for some individuals, but it is yet to be proven as a good fit for all who wish to reduce their sugar intake.) Here are a few ideas to ease your palate away from sweetened drinks.

If sweet tea is your beverage of choice, swap out a full cup of sweet tea for half unsweet tea. If you enjoy diet sodas, replace just one of your daily diet drinks with a glass of water.

And, if you frequent the seasonal sweetened lattes at your local coffee spot, ask the barista for two fewer pumps of that flavored syrup. Ever tried sparkling water? Try chilling plain sparkling water with two teaspoons of fresh lemon juice, some mint leaves, and a few fresh strawberries.

Challenge yourself to make these changes for one week and see how it feels. Have a friend who is also looking to reduce their sugar or sweetener intake? Make the changes together and remember you can experience sweetness in life without drinking it. And now, to explain why.

Arguably the most appealing selling point of beverages using low-calorie sweeteners is they have few if any calories.

These sweeteners are made up of chemicals our bodies cannot metabolize and, therefore, cannot gain energy from. However, it may be surprising to learn the evidence is still unclear if replacing the sugar from sodas with artificial sweeteners is sufficient to lower the risk of obesity or type 2 diabetes.

Think about the taste profile of the sodas and why that might be the downside. These sweeteners are all much sweeter than regular sugar — from 100 to 70,000 times as sweet. Similar to how the bitter flavor of coffee or beer grows on your palate over time, repeated stimulation of our sweet sensing taste buds may lead us to prefer that sweetened taste with greater frequency in our diets and that can lead you to eat even more excess calories from all kinds of sugary foods with the risk of putting on even more weight and raising your risk for diabetes.

You need to consider how you will respond to the zero-calorie drinks as you decide. Getting less sugar is important. The Dietary Guidelines say everyone 2 years and older should keep their intake of added sugars to less than 10% of their total daily calories. If you take about 2,000 calories a day, no more than 200 calories or 12 teaspoons which is what you would get in one soda. The American Heart Association recommends even less added sugar. Could you be happy with one diet drink a day?

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITY COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 6-23, 503-644
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Cost Recovery in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-13.2 and PUBLIC Rule 88-05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. 6-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, One ECU Building, 600 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-13.2 and 62-13.3 and a Supplemental Mitigation rule. As filed, the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.78 — an increase of 15%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.78 — an increase of 15%. The Supplemental Mitigation approach would then increase the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request to \$23.41 — an increase of 19.5%.

On August 6, 2022, DENC filed an application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 62-13.2 and 62-13.3. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service commencing on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of this under-recovery of fuel costs during the first period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the first year, DENC proposed two rate adjustment periods for the Commission's consideration: a full recovery rate and a Supplemental Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.78 — an increase of 15%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.78 — an increase of 15%. The Supplemental Mitigation approach would then increase the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request to \$23.41 — an increase of 19.5%.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing (Requesting Filing of Testimony, Establishing the Hearing Calendar, and Requesting Public Notice (Scheduling Order)). Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's default balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rate and first charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Fuel Recovery request, if approved and in absence of the regulatory fix, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 13.55 cents per kWh for residential customers, 1.2031 cents per kWh for small general services and public authority customers, 1.2031 cents per kWh for large general services customers, 1.2425 cents per kWh for rate schedule 53 customers, 1.2031 cents per kWh for rate schedule 55 customers, and 1.2031 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$18.78 — an increase of approximately 15%. The Supplemental Mitigation approach would then increase the net effect of DENC's fuel recovery request to \$23.41 — an increase of 19.5%.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of its case. Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any comments that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to: Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 424 Main Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-4360.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, One Commerce Forefront Center, 3601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4360.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4275 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4360 and reference Docket No. 6-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons agree at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com (email to: ncuc@ncuc.com). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. 6-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

This is the 19th day of October, 2022.

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Shredded meat confit delivers good fat over holidays

The holidays are approaching, and charcuterie boards are a great way to entertain. Add duck rillettes to your charcuterie board next time you host.



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Rillettes are potted jars of shredded meat confit, traditionally prepared with duck as well as goose, game and pork. Confit is the French term for a method of salt-curing and slow-cooking meat in its own rendered fat.

To make duck confit, a bird is broken down into pieces, salt-cured for several days, and then slowly cooked in its fat until it's moltingly tender. The cooked meat is then stored in the fat, which preserves the meat. Once cooked, the duck can be stored in its fat for months in the refrigerator or freezer. When ready to use, the meat is removed from the fat and crisped, added to stews such as cassoulet or served with rillettes, mixed with spices and



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perhaps a splash of spirits, and then packed in jars.

To serve rillettes, simply spread a forkful on a baguette slice. A brush of Dijon mustard or a compound butter on top balances the richness of the meat. For a more festive garnish, top the rillettes with a dab of piquant fruit chutney or a dried fruit compote.

In addition to the rilette recipe, I've included a recipe for duck leg confit. The confit method isn't complicated; it simply requires

several days for the legs to cure in the fat. For a shortcut, skip the confit step by purchasing prepared confit duck legs.

Duck Rillettes

Active time: 30 minutes
Total time: 1 hour and 30 minutes, plus overnight chilling time

Yield: Makes 6 cups

Ingredients:
1 tablespoon Canola oil or butter
2 to 3 tablespoons melted duck fat, plus more for sealing

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Soak the duck legs. Strain the meat and finely chop the skin, if using, and place in a bowl. Add the Canola oil and stir to mix.

1 tablespoon at a time, add the meat to the bowl without being too greasy. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pack the meat into an 8-ounce terrine or 2 4-ounce ramekins, pressing gently to compact. Add the skin and top with a layer of fat. Refrigerate, uncovered, for 1 hour. Remove and pour a layer of melted fat, about ¼ inch, over the meat to seal.

Cover and refrigerate the rillettes for at least one day or up to one month. Serve the rillettes at room temperature.

Duck Leg Confit

Active time: 30 to 60 minutes
Total time: up to 2 days

Yield: Makes 6

Ingredients:
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
½ cup kosher salt
2 bay leaves, crumbled
1 tablespoon chopped thyme leaves
1 tablespoon sage
6 Muscovy or Polish duck legs with thighs, about 3 pounds
4 cups duck fat

Steps:
1. Toast the peppercorns and coriander seeds in a skillet over medium heat and fragrant, about 1 minute. Transfer to a mortar with pestle (or spice grinder) and coarsely grind. Transfer to a small bowl and add the salt, bay leaves, thyme and sage. Rub the mixture all over the duck legs, pressing it into the skin.

Place the duck in a baking dish, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 24 to 48 hours. Heat the oven to 225 degrees. Melt the duck fat in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat.

Remove the duck from the refrigerator, rinse under cold water and pat dry. Arrange in a roasting pan and add enough fat to hold the legs in one layer. Pour the melted fat over the duck. The legs should be

completely covered; if necessary, melt more fat or top off with olive oil. Transfer the dish to the oven and cook until the duck is very tender and the meat is easily pulled from the bone, 3 ½ to 4 hours.

Remove from the oven and let cool for 30 minutes. Remove the duck from the fat and strain the fat through a fine mesh sieve lined with cheesecloth.

To serve duck legs confit, preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Heat a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Heat 1 tablespoon duck fat in the skillet. Then add the duck legs, skin side down, and brown the skin, about 4 minutes. Flip the legs and transfer the skillet to the oven and cook until the duck is golden, crisp and heated through, about 30 minutes.

If not using immediately, place the duck in a clean container and cover with the melted fat. Let cool to room temperature, then transfer to the refrigerator and store for up to 1 month. When ready to use, remove the duck from the refrigerator and let stand at room temperature to soften the fat, about 1 hour, before pan-frying. (The duck fat may be stored in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 6 months, or in the freezer for up to 1 year.)

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Salmon still good for you whether canned, pouched or frozen

Foods high in omega-3 fatty acids are important to incorporate in your diet regularly to stay strong and healthy. Be physically active and get vaccinated and boosted when possible.

Q: We love fresh salmon but can't afford to eat it as often as we did. Can you help me pick a good canned, pouched or frozen salmon product? Are they nutritionally the same? KC Greenville

A: Earlier this year our family medicine resident physician teamed with high school culinary students from South Central and J.C. Rose high schools to prepare healthy budget-friendly foods. They loved the affordable salmon chorizo recipe at medweekend.com. That recipe uses salmon from a pouch and takes only 35 minutes to make. Oceanic, an EWU senior in dietetics, compared frozen and canned salmon. Here is what she wants to share.

Start with your second question first and then make my way make to the first question: Canned and frozen salmon have about the same nutritional value. Both are excellent sources of protein, vitamin D and other nutrients. One of the important



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health components that all salmon has is omega-3 fatty acids — the good fats found in many fish.

The amount of omega-3 fatty acids is not listed in the Nutrition Facts label, but all canned salmon will provide about 2,000 milligrams in half a cup, while all frozen salmon provides 650 milligrams for the same net weight amount. Omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to help prevent cardiovascular diseases like heart disease and stroke.

Omega-3s also play a role in helping to repair and maintain brain cells and support mental health. Pregnant women are encouraged to consume fish (8-12 ounces a week) for the omega-3s that are building blocks for the brain and eyes. When buying canned salmon it's best to grab the cans that are packed in water instead of oil. Too much of the omega-3s leech into the oil and are lost if you drain and throw away the fluid. Canned

and pouched salmon has another perk for your diet: a 3.5 ounce serving of salmon has almost the same amount of calcium as a glass of milk — if the small soft bones are eaten.

Some prefer salmon without the soft bones, but they lose about 100 milligrams of calcium. So, much those bones with a fork and you won't even notice them. Something to keep in mind with canned salmon is that it often has a higher sodium content. You can fix that by rinsing it before adding it to a dish or eating it. Another perk is that most of the canned salmon you will find in the store is wild-caught.

Some studies have shown that wild salmon has less mercury than farm-fish. If by chance the canned salmon doesn't mention if it's wild-caught or not, Alaskan, pink or sockeye are generally wild-caught while Atlantic salmon tend to be a variety that's farm-fish. Canned salmon also undergoes a sterilization process to eliminate microbes/bacteria. This can make canned salmon a better option if you are worried about food safety.

If you are going to cook the salmon, drain about ¼

two cups of water. Canned is already soft and can be mixed into pasta or rice. Fresh or frozen salmon usually is in a long fillet shape. Canned salmon can be used for cooking more conveniently than frozen salmon if you're short on time. Frozen salmon is also great prepared in an air fryer, giving it a light crispy layer.

There are many affordable options. On the day I checked prices, frozen salmon could be found at Target at \$10 for 16 ounces. Walmart also had a great option with wild-caught frozen salmon at \$14 for 32 ounces. Walmart also has great prices

for canned salmon, ranging from \$2.14 to \$3.34 depending on the size of the can.

Both canned and frozen salmon have a longer shelf life than fresh salmon. Canned salmon can be stored 3 to 5 years, while frozen salmon is best if eaten in three months. But that does mean you should buy frozen salmon when on sale. Watch for sales. There are days that fresh is on sale and might be the best buy. Try the different forms and brands to find the one you like best. Canned salmon with a taste you like that works for you in your daily life. It's important to keep

fatty fish in your diet. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends adults eat at least 8 ounces of fish per week (based on a 2,000-calorie diet) and less for children.

You can find lots of great suggestions on the web for using canned or pouched salmon — an affordable and convenient way to meet the recommendation.

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In the Matter of
 Applications by Virginia Electric and Power
 Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North
 Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric
 Rates and Charges and Remedy its Fuel
 Recoveries Pursuant to N.C. Code Sec. 62-131.2
 and NCUA Rule 88-55

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the record (see) charge adjustment and recovery proceedings for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 1115, 1100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Code Sec. 62-131.2 and Commission Rule 88-55 for the purpose of determining whether an adjustment or adjustment order is required to allow DENC to recover its reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule 83-11(c).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related recovery pursuant to N.C. Code Sec. 62-131.2 and Commission Rule 88-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the utility recovery of its fuel costs during the fuel period and the impact of such a potential increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two recovery methods for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Staged Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.70 – an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Staged Mitigation request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during the period by \$5.58 – an increase of 5%. The Staged Mitigation approach would thus increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 14, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearings Regarding the Fuel and Fuel-Related Recovery Proceedings and Regarding Public Notice. Scheduling Order. Among other things, the Scheduling Order required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the State of North Carolina at least one week before the first hearing beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to archive the Company's default balance for the month of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges listed in the original Public Notice.

DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and subject to the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2,969 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 2,570 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; 2,569 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2,499 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 2,726 cents per kWh for rate schedule VNP customers; and 2,760 cents per kWh for residential customers using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$23.91 – an increase of approximately 21%. DENC's supplemental update to the Staged Mitigation request, if approved and subject to the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1,205 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1,205 cents per kWh for small general service and public utility customers; 1,205 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1,205 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1,205 cents per kWh for rate schedule VNP customers; and 1,205 cents per kWh for residential customers using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$23.91 – an increase of approximately 21%. The Staged Mitigation approach would thus increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, as those listed above for DENC's Full Recovery request. As its next fuel proceeding (which will be held next week), the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Staged Mitigation approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of its case.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff about any issues that the public may wish to be considered by the Public Staff or in connection with the case should be submitted to the Commission of Agents, Planning Director, Public Staff, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Jack Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 400 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-4001. Written statements may be emailed to gal@ncuc.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position on the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4327 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-4327 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be transmitted (submitted) unless they contain a statement of the filer's name and address, and the filer's signature. The filer's signature must be typed or printed in the statement. Filers may also email the Commission's website about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov. In order for consumer statements to be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accepted by sending an email to public@ncuc.gov.

This is the 10th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
 Erika N. Govea, Deputy Clerk



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