

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 834

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Request By Progress Energy Carolinas)	ORDER ON
To Discontinue Annual Reporting)	ANNUAL REPORTING
Requirements For Meter Related Optional)	REQUIREMENTS
Programs Rider MROP-1)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 10, 2006, Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (hereinafter PEC), filed a request to discontinue the annual reporting requirements for Rider MROP-1. The Commission's Orders dated July 7, 2003, and March 26, 2004, in this docket requires PEC to meet annually and report by February 28th to the Public Staff regarding the status of programs available under the Meter-Related Optional Programs Rider MROP. PEC was also directed to meet annually with the Public Staff to discuss the status of participation under the Rider.

Rider MROP offers residential and non-residential customers enhanced access to meter data and other voluntary services to assist in their energy conservation, load management and cost containment efforts. Available program options include the TotalMeter, Energy Profiler On-lineTM, Customer Remote Meter Access, and Non-Standard Metering programs. PEC is currently required to report annually to the Public Staff regarding (1) participation in the Customer Remote Meter access program, (2) participation and demand requirements for Energy Profiler OnlineTM participants, and (3) updated cost support for Energy Profiler On-lineTM.

PEC has complied with the reporting requirements and provided its 2005 report to the Public Staff in February 2006. PEC stated the reports have demonstrated that participation has been relatively stable since these options were first introduced in 2003. PEC further stated that the cost incurred in offering these programs is consistent with expectations; and therefore, the approved rates and charges continue to be appropriate. PEC believes there is little benefit in continuing to provide these annual reports and requests that the annual reporting requirements in this docket be discontinued.

This matter was presented at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on May 1, 2006. The Public Staff stated that it concurs with the request to discontinue the existing annual reporting requirements, provided PEC will provide updated program participation and cost information to the Public Staff upon request. PEC has agreed to this condition. The Public Staff recommended that the request to discontinue the annual reporting requirements of PEC's Meter Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-1 be approved.

After careful consideration, the Commission concludes that the reports at issue are not burdensome and provide some benefit. The Commission will deny the request to discontinue the annual reporting requirements of PEC's Meter Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-1 for the present, without prejudice to revisiting the request to discontinue after 12 months.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the annual reporting requirements of PEC's Meter Related Optional Programs Rider MROP-1 shall continue for the present, without prejudice to revisiting the request to discontinue after 12 months.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of May 2006.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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