

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1250)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and)
Commission Rule R8-55 Relating to Fuel)
and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for)
Electric Utilities)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1251)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)
for Approval of Renewable Energy and)
Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)
(REPS) Compliance Report and Cost)
Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S.)
§ 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67)

DOCKET NO. E-2, Sub 1253)
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In the Matter of)
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC for)
Approval of a Joint Agency Asset Rider for)
Recovery of Costs Related to Facilities)
Purchased from Joint Power Agency Pursuant)
to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.14 and Commission)
Rule R8-70)

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1254)
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In the Matter of)
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC)
for Approval of CPRE Cost Recovery Rider)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-71)

ORDER APPROVING
CHANGE IN BILLING
DATES AND NOTICE TO
CUSTOMERS OF CHANGE
IN RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: On November 30, 2020, in the above-captioned dockets, the Commission issued orders approving changes in the rates of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Company), for the Company's fuel and fuel-related costs pursuant

to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) incremental costs, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8, Joint Agency Asset Rider (JAAR) costs, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.14, and competitive procurement of renewable energy (CPRE) costs pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 (Rider Orders). Pursuant to the aforesaid statutes these rates are recovered by DEP by rate riders that are annually reviewed and revised by the Commission. The change date for the rate riders approved in these proceedings was December 1, 2020.

On December 3, 2020, DEP filed a letter informing the Commission that due to the timing of its receipt of the Rider Orders DEP was unable to make the necessary changes to its billing system to implement the new rates in customer bills on December 1, 2020. As a result, DEP requested that the Commission allow DEP to implement the new rates established by the Rider Orders in customer bills as of December 7, 2020, to continue billing customers under the respective Rider Order rates for the period December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, and to true up the differences as part of DEP's 2021 rider proceedings. In addition, DEP included with its letter a proposed Notice to Customers of Change in Rates (Customer Notice), developed by DEP.

Based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Commission finds good cause to approve DEP's request to implement the new rates established by the Rider Orders in customer bills as of December 7, 2020, to continue billing customers under the respective Rider Order rates for the period December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, and to true up the differences as part of DEP's 2021 rider proceedings. In addition, the Commission finds good cause to approve the Customer Notice in the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of December, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

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and Energy Efficiency Portfolio)
Standard (REPS) Compliance Report)
and Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to)
N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission)
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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
OF CHANGE IN RATES

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LLC for Approval of CPRE Cost Recovery)
Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and)
Commission Rule R8-71)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission), entered an Order in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1250, on November 30, 2020,

after public hearing, approving fuel and fuel related charge rate decreases (including regulatory fee) of (0.4390) ¢/kilowatt-hour (kWh), (0.5230) ¢/kWh, (0.3500) ¢/kWh, (0.2320) ¢/kWh, and (0.9760) ¢/kWh for the Residential, Small General Service, Medium General Service, Large General Service, and Lighting customer classes, respectively. The decrease equates to approximately \$141 million on an annual basis in the rates and charges paid by the retail customers of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Company) in North Carolina.

These changes are effective as of December 1, 2020, with billing to begin on a service rendered basis on and after December 7, 2020. DEP will true-up the rider rates between December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, during its next fuel and fuel related cost proceeding. The rate decrease was ordered by the Commission after a review of DEP's fuel and fuel-related expenses during the 12-month period ended March 31, 2020, and represents actual changes experienced by the Company with respect to its reasonable cost of fuel and fuel-related costs during the test period. The net fuel and fuel-related cost factors for the Residential, Small General Service, Medium General Service, Large General Service, and Lighting customer classes are 2.260 ¢/kWh, 2.175 ¢/kWh, 2.324 ¢/kWh, 2.471 ¢/kWh, and 1.773 ¢/kWh, respectively (excluding regulatory fee).

The changes in the approved fuel and fuel-related rates described above will result in monthly net rate decreases of approximately \$4.39 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Residential customer class, \$5.23 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Small General Service customer class, \$3.50 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Medium General Service customer class, \$2.32 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Large General Service customer class, and \$9.76 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Lighting customer class.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission entered an Order in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1251 on November 30, 2020, after public hearing, approving changes in the Company's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) riders by customer class. These charges are designed to collect approximately \$37.5 million of incremental costs incurred to comply with the REPS requirements, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8.

Effective as of December 1, 2020, with billing to begin on a service rendered basis on and after December 7, the monthly REPS riders, by customer class, are as follows: Residential, \$1.29 per month; General Service/Lighting, \$6.98 per month; and Industrial Service \$47.88 per month, including regulatory fee. These monthly charges reflect decreases by customer class of \$0.16 per month for Residential, \$1.27 per month for General Service/Lighting, and \$11.70 per month for Industrial. DEP will true-up the REPS rider rates between December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, during its next REPS proceeding.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission entered an Order in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1253 on November 30, 2020, after public hearing, approving

changes in the Company's Joint Agency Asset Rider (JAAR), by customer class. These charges are associated with DEP's purchase of certain generating plants from North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency following Commission review of DEP's costs through the 12-month period ended December 31, 2019. Effective as of December 1, 2020, with billing to begin on a service rendered basis on and after December 7, the change in the monthly charge for residential customers is a decrease of 0.011 ¢/kWh, including the regulatory fee. The impact on other customer classes varies based upon their rate schedules. Fuel savings associated with DEP's purchase of the generating plants are passed through to customers in DEP's fuel and fuel-related rates. DEP will true-up the JAAR rates between December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, during its next JAAR proceeding.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission entered an Order in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1254, on November 30, 2020, after public hearing, approving competitive procurement of renewable energy (CPRE) rates (including regulatory fee) of 0.007 ¢/kWh, 0.007 ¢/kWh, 0.007 ¢/kWh, 0.006 ¢/kWh, and 0.005 ¢/kWh for the Residential, Small General Service, Medium General Service, Large General Service, and Lighting customer classes, respectively. The increase equates to approximately \$2.3 million on an annual basis in the rates and charges paid by the retail customers of DEP in North Carolina.

These changes are effective as of December 1, 2020, with billing to begin on a service rendered basis on and after December 7, 2020. DEP will true-up the CPRE rider rates between December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020, during its next CPRE proceeding. The rate increase was ordered by the Commission after a review of DEP's CPRE program expenses during the 32-month period ended March 31, 2020, and represents actual changes experienced by the Company with respect to its reasonable CPRE costs during the test period.

The changes in the approved CPRE rates described above will result in monthly net rate increases of approximately \$0.07 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Residential customer class, \$0.07 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Small General Service customer class, \$0.07 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Medium General Service customer class, \$0.06 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Large General Service customer class, and \$0.05 for each 1,000 kWh of usage per month for the Lighting customer class.

THE OVERALL IMPACT of the changes in all riders on a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, reflecting the combined effect of the changes in the fuel and

fuel-related rate, the monthly REPS rate, the monthly JAAR rate, and the monthly CPRE rate, as described above, will be a decrease of \$4.59 per month.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of December, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk