STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

COMMISSION STAFF

NO AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC STAFF

B. NATURAL GAS

P1. DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 580 – APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF BI-ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES UNDER RIDER C TO ITS TARIFF

EXPLANATION: On September 14, 2017, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), filed an application requesting authority to adjust its rates effective April 1, 2017, pursuant to its Customer Usage Tracker (CUT) mechanism. These adjustments are filed in compliance with Rider C of PSNC's Tariffs, which was approved in PSNC's last general rate case in Docket No. G-5, Sub 565, and are based on the Customer Usage Deferred Account balances as of July 31, 2017.

On September 15, 2017, PSNC filed a revised Schedule A, citing that the original filing contained inadvertent errors on Lines 4 and 7 for Rates 125 and 140. These errors carried through to the proposed rates shown on the bottom of Schedule A. The revised Schedule A corrected all errors.

According to the CUT, PSNC is to compare actual residential and small and medium general service margins with the margins contained in the most recent Commission approved rates. PSNC is to then apply, on a bi-annual basis, for authority to implement temporary rate increments or decrements (temporaries) to collect or refund any differences in the Customer Usage Deferred Account.

The proposed CUT temporaries, as well as the existing CUT temporaries and the corresponding rate changes, expressed in dollars per dekatherm (\$/dt), are as follows:

Rate Class and Schedule	Customer Usage Deferred Account Balance at 7/31/2017 (\$)	Proposed CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)	Existing CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)	Change In CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)
Residential (101)	\$32,838,342	\$1.1010	\$0.8848	\$0.2162
Residential Hi Efficiency (102)	\$798,358	\$0.9084	\$0.8168	\$0.0916
Sm Gen Service (125)	\$5,950,981	\$0.4928	\$0.3321	\$0.1607
Sm Gen Service Hi Efficiency (127)	(\$14,443)	(\$0.1443)	0	(\$0.1443)
Med Gen Service (140)	\$1,178,629	\$0.3576	\$0.2573	\$0.1003

The Public Staff has reviewed these proposed rate adjustments and recommends approval as amended.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-1.

RECOMMENDATION: (Larsen/Johnson/Holt) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving PSNC's proposed rate changes as amended.

D. <u>ELECTRIC</u>

P1. <u>APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A SOLAR FACILITY</u>

EXPLANATION: The following application seeking an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of solar photovoltaic electric generating facility was filed pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Progress:

 <u>Docket No. SP-7436, Sub 0</u> – Application filed on August 7, 2017, by Bayboro Solar Farm, LLC, for an amended certificate to construct a 4.998-MW_{AC} facility in Pamlico County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously)

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined that they comply with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

RECOMMENDATION: (Lucas) That the Commission issue an order approving the application, and issuing the requested amended certificate. A proposed order has been provided to the Commission Staff.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 580

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Public Service Company of North) ORDER APPROVING
Carolina, Inc., for Approval of Bi-Annual) RATE ADJUSTMENTS
Adjustment of Rates Under Rider C to Its Tariff) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 14, 2017, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC), filed an application requesting authority to adjust its rates effective April 1, 2017, pursuant to its Customer Usage Tracker (CUT) mechanism. These adjustments are filed in compliance with Rider C of PSNC's Tariffs, which was approved in PSNC's last general rate case in Docket No. G-5, Sub 565, and are based on the Customer Usage Deferred Account balances as of July 31, 2017.

On September 15, 2017, PSNC filed a revised Schedule A, citing that the original filing contained inadvertent errors on Lines 4 and 7 for Rates 125 and 140. These errors carried through to the proposed rates shown on the bottom of Schedule A. The revised Schedule A corrected all errors.

According to the CUT, PSNC is to compare actual residential and small and medium general service margins with the margins contained in the most recent Commission approved rates. PSNC is to then apply, on a bi-annual basis, for authority to implement temporary rate increments or decrements (temporaries) to collect or refund any differences in the Customer Usage Deferred Account.

The proposed CUT temporaries, as well as the existing CUT temporaries and the corresponding rate changes, expressed in dollars per dekatherm (\$/dt), are as follows:

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Rate Class and Schedule	Customer Usage Deferred Account Balance at 7/31/2017 (\$)	Proposed CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)	Existing CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)	Change In CUT Temporarie s (\$/dt)
Residential (101)	\$32,838,342	\$1.1010	\$0.8848	\$0.2162
Residential Hi Efficiency (102)	\$798,358	\$0.9084	\$0.8168	\$0.0916
Sm Gen Service (125)	\$5,950,981	\$0.4928	\$0.3321	\$0.1607
Sm Gen Service Hi Efficiency (127)	(\$14,443)	(\$0.1443)	0	(\$0.1443)
Med Gen Service (140)	\$1,178,629	\$0.3576	\$0.2573	\$0.1003

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission on September 25, 2017, at its Regular Staff Conference. The Public Staff stated it had reviewed the proposed rate adjustments and recommended approval as amended.

The Commission, based on its review of the application and the recommendation of the Public Staff, finds good cause to approve the application as amended.

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That PSNC is authorized to implement the proposed rate changes as contained in the body of this Order based on its Customer Usage Deferred Account balances as of July 31, 2017, effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2017.
- 2. That PSNC shall file its revised tariffs consistent with Ordering Paragraph 1 within five (5) days of the date of this Order.
- 3. That PSNC shall give notice to its customers of the rate changes authorized in this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of September, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk