# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1190

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,	)	ORDER REQUIRING
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission	)	PUBLICATION OF SECOND
Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related	)	PUBLIC NOTICE
Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities	)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On February 26, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed an application in the above-captioned docket for a change in DEC's rates to recover its fuel and fuel-related costs. The changes proposed in DEC's application would result in an increase of the present fuel and fuel-related (fuel) rates of all customer classes, with the amount of the increase varying for different customer classes. For example, according to the application the increase in the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month would be \$1.07, excluding the regulatory fee. The proposed changes in fuel rates would be effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2019.

On March 8, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order, among other things, scheduled a public hearing in this matter for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition, the Scheduling Order required DEC to publish a Public Notice of the hearing date, time, and place, and of the proposed change in monthly fuel rates.

On April 30, 2019, after the Public Notice of the original proposed fuel rate changes had been published by DEC pursuant to the Commission's Scheduling Order, DEC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits that revised DEC's original application for cost recovery and its proposed monthly fuel charges. The revisions, if approved by the Commission, would result in fuel charges higher than the charges stated in the original Public Notice published by DEC.

Based on the foregoing and the record herein, the Chairman finds good cause to require DEC to publish a Second Public Notice, attached hereto as Appendix A, providing notice of the additional testimony and exhibits and the resulting change in DEC's proposed fuel rates.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That DEC shall publish a Second Public Notice, attached hereto as Appendix A, in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area on two dates prior to the public hearing, with the publications preferably being several days apart, the first publication of which shall occur as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- 2. That DEC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,	)	
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission	)	SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE
Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related	)	
Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required in order to reflect changes in fuel and fuel-related costs over or under the base fuel rate established for DEC in its last general rate case. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

DEC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding on February 26, 2019. According to DEC's initial application, the proposed changes in fuel rates would result in an increase of the present fuel rates of all customer classes, with the amount of the increase varying for different customer classes.

On March 8, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). The Scheduling Order, among other things, required DEC to publish a Public Notice of the hearing date, time, and place, and of the proposed changes in monthly fuel rates.

Through supplemental testimony and exhibits filed on April 30, 2019, after the Public Notice of the original proposed fuel charges had been published by DEC pursuant to the Commission's Scheduling Order, DEC revised its proposed monthly fuel rates. The revisions, if approved by the Commission, would result in fuel charges higher than the charges stated in the original Public Notice published by DEC. In the case of the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, DEC's revised application proposes an increase of \$1.72, excluding the regulatory fee. The proposed changes in all customers' fuel rates would be effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2019.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DEC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.ncuc.net">www.ncuc.net</a>.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence concerning the fuel adjustment proceeding and the hearing scheduled thereon should be directed to the Public Staff. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 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 are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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