

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 46

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Appalachian State University,)
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company)
for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges for)
Electric Service in North Carolina)
	ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF REVISED CUSTOMER NOTICE AND EXTENDING COMPLIANCE FILING DEADLINE

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On March 29, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulation and Granting Increase in Rates. That Order approved a Stipulation entered into between Appalachian State University, d/b/a, New River Light and Power Company (NRLP) and the Public Staff, thereby authorizing NRLP to increase its annual gross base revenues by \$1,777,506, consisting of an increase of \$1,743,202 in increased electric sales revenues and an increase of \$34,304 in miscellaneous fees and charges, effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 2018. In addition, that Order approved a base purchased power cost adjustment (PPA) factor of \$0.062846 per kWh (excluding the North Carolina regulatory fee) to be used in future proceedings on NRLP's PPA factor adjustments and a method for the recovery of coal ash costs.¹ That Order also required NRLP and the Public Staff to jointly prepare and file for Commission approval a proposed notice to customers of changes in rates.

On April 4, 2018, NRLP filed revised rate schedules, 2017 Service Regulations, and a proposed Notice to Customers of Changes in Rates. NRLP states that the Customer Notice has been reviewed and approved by the Public Staff.²

The Chairman has completed a preliminary review of NRLP's April 4 filing and finds that good cause exists to require NRLP to file a revised proposed notice to customers of changes in rates. In addition to revising the first paragraph of the notice to customers to correctly identify NRLP as the utility involved in this proceeding, the

¹ Contemporaneous with the issuance of the March 29 Order, in Docket No. E-34, Sub 47, the Commission issued an Order Approving 2018 Purchase Power Adjustment Factor and 2018 Coal Ash Cost Recovery Rider, authorizing NRLP to adjust its rates and charges to reflect a 2018 PPA factor of \$0.01005 per kWh (excluding the regulatory fee), as an adjustment from the base PPA factor, and a 2018 coal ash cost recovery (CACR) rider of \$0.003246 per kWh (excluding the regulatory fee).

² On April 6, 2018, NRLP filed the calculations required by Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of the Commission's March 29 Order. The Commission will address approval of the rate schedules and service regulations by separate order in this proceeding.

Chairman further finds good cause to direct NRLP to address the following in its revised proposed notice to customers:

1) To provide its customers a more transparent view of the rate changes approved in this proceeding and in Docket No. E-34, Sub 47, in the revised notice to customers, NRLP shall revise the statement as to the impact of the annual PPA rider and annual CACR rider to more accurately reflect the Commission's approval of the base PPA factor and the approval of the CACR rider, and the adjustments in those charges that was approved in Docket No. E-34, Sub 47; and

2) To provide its customers a more complete view of the rate changes approved in this proceeding and in Docket No. E-34, Sub 47, in the final paragraph of the revised notice, NRLP shall clarify its statement of the summary rate changes by stating with specificity the impact of the approved change in base rates and charges, the approved adjustment in the PPA rider, and the approved adjustment CACR rider, including, stating the total increase in dollars per month for a typical residential customer and a percentage increase as compared to a typical residential customer under NRLP's previous rates.

Finally, the Chairman finds good cause to extend the deadline established in Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of the Commission's March 29 Order to allow NRLP to file the revised proposed customer notice as soon as reasonably practical, but no later than April 13, 2018. Upon the receipt of the revised customer notice, the Commission will proceed appropriately in approving the revised customer notice and in requiring NRLP to give notice of the approved changes to its rates and charges.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That on or before April 13, 2018, NRLP shall file for Commission approval a revised notice to customers that addresses the issues detailed in this order;

2. That the five (5) day deadline established in Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of the Commission's March 29 Order is extended to allow NRLP to file the revised proposed customer notice as soon as reasonably practical, but no later than April 13, 2018;

3. That the Public Staff shall work with NRLP to revise its proposed customer notice as required by this order and, contemporaneous with the filing of the revised customer notice, file with the Commission a statement that includes a recommendation on whether the revised customer notice should be approved; and

4. That upon receipt of the revised customer notice and the Public Staff's statement, as required by this order, the Commission will proceed appropriately in approving the revised customer notice and requiring NRLP to give notice of the approved changes to NRLP's rates and charges to each of its North Carolina retail customers.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of April, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk