

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1263

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE CHAIR: On March 1, 2022, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or Applicant), filed its application and testimony in the above-captioned docket requesting change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2022. By its application, the proposed changes in fuel rates would result in increases of the current fuel rates of all customer classes, with the amount of the increase varying for different customer classes. The net effect of DEC's request as filed would increase the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$8.09, excluding the regulatory fee.

On March 14, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order set the public hearing to be held, beginning immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1262, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Scheduling Order also required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 45 days prior to the hearing.

On May 9, 2022, DEC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits after the Public Notice of the original proposed fuel charges had been published. In its filing, DEC revised its proposed monthly fuel rates. The revisions, if approved by the Commission, would result in fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice. In the case of the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, DEC revised its proposed increase to \$9.85, excluding the regulatory fee.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair concludes that good cause exists 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 the Second Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area on two dates at least 10 days prior to the hearing, with the publications preferably being several days apart, the first publication of which shall occur as soon as reasonably practical; 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 11th day of May, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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Electric Utilities) **SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel and fuel-related adjustment charge proceeding for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The public hearing will be held immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1262, which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required 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).

On March 1, 2022, DEC filed its application and testimony relative to the fuel cost proceeding. By its application, DEC requests Commission approval for an increase in its fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect, with the changes being effective for service rendered on or after September 1, 2022. The net effect of DEC's request as filed would increase the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$8.09, excluding the regulatory fee.

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case of the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, DEC revised its proposed increase to \$9.85, excluding the regulatory fee.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DEC's application on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that 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 may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 1263. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/contactus.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1263, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 11th day of May, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk