

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 487  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 828  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1026  
DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1146  
DOCKET NO, E-7, SUB 1214

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Existing DSM ) ORDER APPROVING  
Program Rider ) EDPR RIDER

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 31, 2022, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) made a filing proposing its annual change to the Existing DSM Program Rider (EDPR), based on the December 31, 2021 legacy demand-side management (DSM) deferral account balance. The Company requested that the EDPR be effective beginning July 1, 2022.

An EDPR was first approved in the December 20, 2007 Order Approving Stipulation and Deciding Non-Settled Issues in Docket No. E-7, Sub 828 (the Sub 828 Order), and the Commission has continued to approve the EDPR mechanism in DEC's subsequent general rate cases. The EDPR reflects the inclusion in DEC's approved base rates of a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) amount specifically intended to recover the costs of certain legacy DSM and energy efficiency (EE) programs existing as of the date of the Sub 828 Order. The EDPR is adjusted annually to true up the difference between the applicable base rate amount in effect and the actual cost of the legacy DSM and EE programs incurred during the then most recent calendar year. In its March 31, 2022 filing, DEC indicated that the applicable base existing rate amount was 0.0067 cents per kWh through May 31, 2021,<sup>1</sup> pursuant to the Commission's June 25, 2019 Order in general rate case Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146, and 0.0063 cents per kwh effective June 1, 2021, pursuant to the Commission's March 31, 2021 Order in general rate case Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214.

In its March 31, 2022 filing, DEC proposed to replace the existing EDPR decrement rider amount of (0.0019) cents per kWh (excluding the regulatory fee),<sup>2</sup> with a new decrement rider amount of (0.0020) cents per kWh (excluding the regulatory fee), to be effective on and after July 1, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Except as otherwise indicated, all rates are excluding the North Carolina regulatory fee.

<sup>2</sup> The existing EDPR decrement rider was allowed to become effective as of July 1, 2021, pursuant to Commission Order in these dockets.

The base existing DSM program cost amount of 0.0063 will remain in place following Commission approval of the new EDPR pursuant to the current filing. Adjusting for the regulatory fee does not result in a change to either the base amount or the rider amount proposed in this proceeding. Therefore, the proposed net change to the EDPR, relative to the currently approved amount, including all rate adders, is the difference between the proposed decrement rider, including the regulatory fee, of (0.0020) cents per kWh, and the current decrement rider, including the regulatory fee, of (0.0019) cents per kWh, or a net rate decrease of (0.0001) cents per kWh.

The Public Staff presented this item at the Commission's Regular Staff Conference on June 27, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed DEC's calculation of the proposed EDPR, including the supporting workpapers submitted with the filings and information provided by the Company in response to Public Staff data request. Based on its review, the Public Staff concluded that the proposed rate decrement is reasonable. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended that DEC's proposed EDPR be approved, effective for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.


Based on its review of DEC's filing and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission concludes that the proposed EDPR is reasonable and should be approved, effective July 1, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the EDPR proposed by DEC in its filing of March 31, 2022, consisting of a rate decrement of (0.0020) cents per kWh excluding the regulatory fee [(0.0020) cents per kWh, including the regulatory fee], is approved effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

Commissioners Daniel G. Clodfelter, Floyd B. McKissick Jr., and Karen M. Kemerait did not participate in this decision.