

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1153  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1153	)	
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In the Matter of	)	
Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for an	)	
Order Approving a Job Retention Rider	)	ORDER APPROVING
	)	JOB RETENTION
DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1142	)	PILOT PROGRAM
	)	TRUE-UP RIDER AND
In the Matter of	)	CUSTOMER NOTICE
Application by Duke Energy Progress, LLC,	)	
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges	)	
Applicable to Electric Utility Service in	)	
North Carolina	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 22, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving End of Job Retention Pilot Program and Approving Customer Notice (JRPP Order), in the above-captioned dockets. The JRPP Order approved the request of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), to exercise the option not to renew the Job Retention Pilot Program, to revise its tariffs to reflect the end of the Job Retention Rider (JRR) as of September 1, 2019, and to send all customers a notice by bill insert informing them of said actions. In addition, the Commission noted in the JRPP Order that DEP anticipated filing a request by mid-November 2019 to address via a true-up rider the revenue differences between the amount received under the JRR and the cost of the JRPP.

On November 15, 2019, DEP filed a petition requesting approval of a JRR true-up rider. DEP stated that the JRR recovered revenues in excess of the amount credited to participants under the JRPP during the one-year pilot program, and, accordingly, DEP will refund the over-collection to its retail customers. In DEP's Attachment No. 1 to its petition, DEP provided its proposed Rider JRRR-2 designed to true-up the revenue over-recovery during a 12-month period beginning on January 1, 2020. DEP further stated that pursuant to the Commission's JRPP Order the energy rates in DEP's tariffs were revised to remove the previously-approved JRR rate of \$0.00051 per kilowatt hour (kWh), effective September 1, 2019.

In addition, DEP stated that Attachment No. 2 to its petition shows the rate necessary to refund the over-recovery of revenue realized under the JRR, and includes an adjustment for the \$3.5 million contributed by shareholders to support retention of manufacturing jobs in North Carolina. DEP stated that a January 1, 2020 implementation

date for Rider JRRR-2 is requested, so that the rate change implemented by Rider JRRR-2 coincides with a change in DEP's demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) rates. The proposed change in DEP's DSM/EE rates is pending before the Commission in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1206.

Also included as part of DEP's petition was Attachment No. 3, a Final Pilot Report. DEP stated that the Report summarizes participation statistics and other key information regarding the JRPP.

DEP stated that upon approval of its petition DEP will file compliance tariffs reflecting the rate decrement implemented by Rider JRRR-2, and that the paragraph in each tariff entitled "ADDITIONAL CHARGES" will be updated to reference inclusion of Rider JRRR-2 rates. Further, DEP proposed to provide the following bill message in all January bills regarding this rate change:

The Job Retention Recovery Rider was approved in Duke Energy Progress' 2018 general rate case in NCUC Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142 to support a one-year pilot program intended to retain industrial jobs in North Carolina and expired on August 31, 2019. Revenues over-recovered in the Rider are now being refunded to customers over a 12-month period effective for service rendered on or after January 1, 2020. This results in a \$0.33 decrease in the monthly bill for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh.

Finally, DEP stated that it has discussed this proposal with the Public Staff, and that the Public Staff supports the request.

Based on the foregoing and the record in these dockets, the Commission finds good cause to approve Rider JRRR-2 as a true-up rider effective for service from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and to direct that on or before December 20, 2019, DEP file appropriate tariffs for the implementation of Rider JRRR-2. In addition, the Commission approves the bill message proposed by DEP, and directs that the bill message be included in the Notice to Customers of Change in Rates that will be developed for the DSM/EE rate changes in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1206.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk