

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632  
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632	)	
	)	
In the Matter of	)	
Application of Public Service Company	)	
of North Carolina, Inc., for a General	)	ORDER APPROVING PUBLIC
Increase in its Rates and Charges	)	NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RATES
	)	SUBJECT TO REFUND AND
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 634	)	FINANCIAL UNDERTAKING
	)	
In the Matter of	)	
Application for Approval to Modify	)	
Existing Conservation Programs and	)	
Implement New Conservation Programs	)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 1, 2021, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (PSNC) filed an application for a general rate case in Docket No. G-5, Sub 632. On April 27, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates, which declared this proceeding to be a general rate case and suspended the proposed rates for up to 270 days.

On October 13, 2021, PSNC filed a Motion for Expedited Approval of Notice and Undertaking Required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(c) to Implement Temporary Rates, Subject to Refund (Temporary Rates Motion). In summary, the motion states that PSNC intends to exercise its statutory right under N.C.G.S. § 62-135 to place into effect temporary rates pending a final order by the Commission approving permanent rates. PSNC further states that the temporary rates sought to be recovered, subject to refund, are based on and consistent with the stipulation in principle that PSNC has reached with the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff). On October 14, 2021, PSNC filed to revise the Public Notice of Temporary Rates (Public Notice) due to an updated stipulation in principle reached after negotiations with the Public Staff, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and Evergreen Packaging, LLC. In order to implement temporary rates on November 1, 2021, notice must be provided to the Commission and customers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-135(a). To ensure compliance with the statute, PSNC states that it is providing notice to the Commission of its intent to place its increased rates and charges into effect on a temporary basis on or after November 1, 2021. Further, PSNC states that it will notify customers by publishing the Public Notice in newspapers of general circulation in its service territory ten days prior to the effective date of the temporary rates.

Along with the Temporary Rates Motion, PSNC also filed an Undertaking of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. In summary, PSNC states that the financial undertaking attached to its filing is intended to secure the obligation of PSNC to refund to its customers any amount of temporary rates that may be finally determined by the Commission to be excessive, plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum. In addition, PSNC states that the financial undertaking also secures the obligation of PSNC to make refunds in a manner consistent with any terms and conditions imposed by the Commission.

PSNC requests approval of its proposed Public Notice and Undertaking on or before October 15, 2021, in order to allow time for PSNC to secure timely publication of the Public Notice.

Based on the record in these dockets and PSNC's motion, Public Notice, and financial undertaking, the Commission finds good cause to approve PSNC's Public Notice and PSNC's financial undertaking.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the financial undertaking filed by PSNC on October 13, 2021, shall be, and is hereby, approved;
2. That PSNC shall be, and is hereby, obligated to refund to its customers any amount of temporary rates made effective on or after the date of this Order that are finally determined by the Commission to be excessive, plus 10% interest per annum, and to make any refunds in a manner consistent with any additional terms and conditions imposed by the Commission in subsequent orders; and
3. That the Public Notice of Temporary Rates shall be, and is hereby, approved in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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	)	NOVEMBER 1, 2021
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Implement New Conservation Programs	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that increased rates and charges of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (PSNC or the Company) shall become effective on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pursuant to authority granted to the Company in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135 (November 1 Temporary Rate Changes). The temporary rate increase will reflect an increase in PSNC's North Carolina retail revenues of \$29,464,353.

On April 1, 2021, PSNC filed an application with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail natural gas rates and charges in North Carolina, effective May 1, 2021 (Application). The Application requested approval of an increase in revenue of \$53,145,476. Presuming that the Commission would suspend the proposed rates, PSNC requested that the Commission establish a procedural schedule that would permit the proposed rates to become effective November 1, 2021.

On August 10, 2021, PSNC filed supplemental testimony in this proceeding. PSNC's supplemental testimony used the known actuals at June 30, 2021 to update: (1) the pro forma utility rate base adjustments in the Company's Application that were developed based on then-estimated June 30, 2021 figures and amounts; (2) certain pro forma expense adjustments in the Company's Application that were developed based on then-estimated June 30, 2021 figures and amounts; and (3) the pro forma adjustment to utility gas sales and transportation revenue in the Company's Application that was developed based on then-present Commission approved customer billing rates, which were since reset by the Commission.

On October 7, 2021, the Company filed its rebuttal testimony, which responded to testimony filed by the Public Staff and other parties.

The Company, the Public Staff, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and Evergreen Packaging, LLC have reached a settlement in principle, and the Company desires to place into effect on a temporary basis the rates resulting from the settlement in principle.

The November 1 Temporary Rate Changes are not final rates and remain subject to the Commission's final determination of the just and reasonable rates to be charged by PSNC on a permanent basis. On October 15, 2021, the Commission issued an Order approving PSNC's financial undertaking to make refund to customers of any amount of temporary rates determined by the Commission in its final Order to be excessive.

#### EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATE CHANGE

Below is a table with the proposed percentage changes in North Carolina retail revenues by customer classes that will result from temporary rates implemented in the November 1 Temporary Rate Change:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Present Revenues</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Proposed Revenue</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Residential Service	\$359,967,140	\$21,330,086	\$381,297,226	5.93%
Small General Service	\$103,434,688	\$4,483,262	\$107,917,951	4.33%
Medium General Service	\$22,325,997	\$456,645	\$22,782,642	2.05%
Outdoor Gas Light Service	\$61,723	\$5,633	\$67,356	9.13%
Natural Gas Vehicles	\$115,477	-	\$115,477	0.00%
Large Quantity Firm General Service	\$41,748,107	\$2,429,333	\$44,177,441	5.82%
Large Quantity Interruptible Service	\$11,739,530	\$759,395	\$12,498,925	6.47%
Special Contracts	\$34,239,341	-	\$34,239,341	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,462,442	-	\$1,462,442	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$575,094,446</b>	<b>\$29,464,354</b>	<b>\$604,558,800</b>	<b>5.12%</b>

The proposed temporary rates would increase the average monthly bill (excluding state sales tax) of a residential customer by \$3.14, which is a 5.93% increase. The change in average bill will vary with each customer's level of natural gas usage.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A list of present rates, together with details of the November 1 Temporary Rate Change, can be obtained at the business offices of PSNC or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the Application is available for review. These materials, as well as pleadings, the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of all parties, the transcripts of all hearings, briefs, and proposed orders, may be viewed as they become available on the Commission's web site at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net). Click on "Docket Search" and type in the docket number G-5 and sub number 632.

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 27699-4325 and reference Docket No. G-5, Sub 632.

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 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 - NC Utilities Commission  
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 Joshua Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities Design  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk