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March 3, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

**RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Affidavits of Publication and  
Certifications of Customer Notification  
Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300**

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the Affidavits of Publication for the Public Notice of Hearings on Rate Increase Application (the "Notice") in the above--referenced docket. Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") published the Notice in newspapers having general coverage in its service territory.

I have also enclosed Certifications stating that DEP provided the Notice to its retail customers by direct mail starting January 26, 2023, and ending February 6, 2023, that DEP posted the Notice on its website, and that DEP provided an email with an electronic link to the Notice to customers who receive bills electronically.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Jirak

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Affidavits of Publication and Certifications of Customer Notification, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery, or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Jirak", written over a horizontal line.

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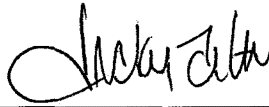
Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared said legal clerk, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he/she is the Legal Clerk of The Asheville Citizen-Times, engaged in publication of a newspaper known as The Asheville Citizen-Times, published, issued, and entered as first class mail in the City of Asheville, in Buncombe County and State of North Carolina; that he/she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached here to, was published in The Asheville Citizen-Times on the following date(s) 1/19/2023, 1/26/2023 And that the said newspaper in which said notice, paper, document or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023



Legal Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023



Notary Public of State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

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My Commission expires.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Progress,  
LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and  
Charges Applicable to Electric Service  
in North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON  
RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP seeks retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested the increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 69-13.1b and North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule R1-176, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a non-Residential Decoupling Mechanism (NDRM) that would shift the risk of cost recovery from the utility to the customer; (2) a new investment in traditional and renewable generation assets; (3) continued investment in coal-fired generation and hydroelectricity generation; (4) the addition of three battery storage units; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon-free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins, (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic, (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism (PIM).

DEP is also proposing new programs to be added to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

- In addition to the refund of EDDT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:
- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
  - Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
  - Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
  - Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
  - Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) investments to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) EDDT-4 costs.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life spans; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation assets; (3) continued investments to maintain existing coal-fired generation and hydroelectricity generation; (4) the addition of three battery storage units; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon-free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Haywood County Courthouse

265 N. Main Street

Courthouse 2-A

Waynesville, North Carolina 27876

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Perquimans County Courthouse

105 S. Main Street

Superior Courthouse

Roanoke, North Carolina 27853

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

North Carolina Utilities Commission

430 N. Salisbury Street

Commission Hearing Room 2115

Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Greene County Courthouse

301 N. Green Street

Courthouse 1

Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Robeson County Courthouse

500 N. Elm Street

Courthouse B

Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(h)(3).

The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other witnesses.

In this application, DEP has identified the present total base rate service revenues (excluding the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2023 test period of \$3,471.4 million. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional annual base rate service revenues of \$623.5 million in Rate Year 1 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023), base service revenues of \$465.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024), and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$158.4 million in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026). These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDDT-4 rider to reflect certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net annual increase of \$615.0 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$158.4 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$158.4 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$931.8 million. The proposed change in the EDDT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (per way through).

The proposed net revenue increase is distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base rate revenue increases excluding the EDDT-4 rider.

Rate Class	Present Base Revenue*	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year One Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase*
Residential	\$1,856,938	\$50,735	2.7%	\$54,181	2.9%	\$57,079	3.1%
Small General Service	\$272,186	\$20,232	7.4%	\$19,033	6.9%	\$20,247	7.4%
Small General Service (Demand Load)	\$5,997	\$5,997	100%	\$5,997	100%	\$5,997	100%
Medium General Service	\$141,263	\$50,643	35.8%	\$54,181	38.3%	\$57,079	40.4%
Large General Service	\$498,627	\$28,367	5.7%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Large General Service (Demand Load)	\$437	\$437	100%	\$437	100%	\$437	100%
Outdoor Lighting	\$56,507	\$19,721	34.9%	\$5,330	9.4%	\$4,231	7.5%
Storm Fuel Lighting	\$210	\$210	100%	\$210	100%	\$210	100%
Seasonal	\$4,675	\$4,675	100%	\$4,675	100%	\$4,675	100%
Total Revenue Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,815	4.3%	\$138,348	4.0%

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider included in Rate Year 1 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) and calculated by the Public Staff. The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615.0 million (including the EDDT-4 rider) resulting from DEP's base rate revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

Rate Class	Present Base Revenue*	Present Base Revenue, Including Riders*	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year One Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase*
Residential	\$1,856,938	\$2,052,509	\$195,571	10.8%	\$195,571	10.8%	\$195,571	10.8%
Small General Service	\$272,186	\$272,186	\$20,232	7.4%	\$19,033	6.9%	\$20,247	7.4%
Small General Service (Demand Load)	\$5,997	\$5,997	\$5,997	100%	\$5,997	100%	\$5,997	100%
Medium General Service	\$141,263	\$241,263	\$100,000	70.8%	\$100,000	70.8%	\$100,000	70.8%
Large General Service	\$498,627	\$544,566	\$45,939	9.2%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Large General Service (Demand Load)	\$437	\$437	\$437	100%	\$437	100%	\$437	100%
Outdoor Lighting	\$56,507	\$84,495	\$27,988	49.5%	\$5,330	9.4%	\$4,231	7.5%
Storm Fuel Lighting	\$210	\$210	\$210	100%	\$210	100%	\$210	100%
Seasonal	\$4,675	\$4,675	\$4,675	100%	\$4,675	100%	\$4,675	100%
Total Revenue Increase	\$3,471,144	\$3,849,450	\$378,306	10.9%	\$150,815	4.3%	\$138,348	3.6%

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider included in Rate Year 1 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) and calculated by the Public Staff.

Present riders include EDDT-4, EDDT-5, DSM-EE, Fuel, ESM, REPS, JAAR, and OPR.

The actual increases will include the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider included in Rate Year 1 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) and calculated by the Public Staff.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B.1, B.2, and B.3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B.1, B.2, and B.3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as shown in DEP's Fuel and Fuel-Related Costs Rider (EDDT-4). Present proposed fuel adjustment rates by customer class are shown below (all using the regulatory test).

1. Base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates will be updated after December 1, 2022, when new fuel rates become effective under Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300.

Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
Residential	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Small General Service	\$0.00129	\$0.00019	\$0.00114	\$0.00000
Medium General Service	\$0.00291	\$0.00029	\$0.00272	\$0.00000
Large General Service	\$0.00292	\$0.00029	\$0.00272	\$0.00000
Outdoor Lighting	\$0.01344	\$0.00344	\$0.01044	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider, or that may be approved in future annual proceedings). The amounts of riders included in the table above are as follows:

• Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider

• Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider (EDIT-3)

• Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider (EDIT-4)

• Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider

• Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment

• Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment

• Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS) Rider

• Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPR) Rider

• Joint Agency Asset LAM Rider

• Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider

• Storm Security (SS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at: <https://www.duke-energy.com/rates/rates-and-charges>

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

• Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider

• Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider

• Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider

• Economic Development (ED) Rider

• Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider

• Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider

• Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

As part of the Annual Review of DEP's PBR plan, DEP will adjust rates as authorized by the Residential Decoupling Mechanism, the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, and the Performance Incentive Mechanism(s) in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements associated with each mechanism.

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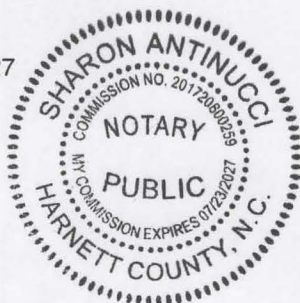
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Residential	\$1,865,279	\$208,136	11.2%	\$94,181	5.0%	\$87,079	4.7%
Small General Service	\$222,186	\$20,432	9.2%	\$10,033	4.5%	\$9,247	4.2%
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Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$56,533	7.2%	\$26,662	3.4%	\$24,478	3.1%
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Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
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Total Revenue Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.0%

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Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Present Base Revenues, Including Riders**	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year One Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase*	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase
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Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$270	\$321	118.9%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$4,875	\$730	15.0%	\$269	5.5%	\$245	5.0%
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The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.  
  
All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):1

1 Base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates will be updated after December 1, 2022, when new fuel rates become effective under Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292.



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Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
Residential	\$0.02083	\$0.00046	\$0.02129	\$0.00000
Small General Services	\$0.02129	-\$0.00015	\$0.02114	\$0.00000
Medium General Services	\$0.02231	-\$0.00059	\$0.02172	\$0.00000
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Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

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- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

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- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (EC) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
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EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

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Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$126.43	\$139.58	\$13.15	10.4%
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Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

<sup>2</sup> The tables and information used to determine the effect of rate are taken from Reed Exhibits 5 for each year of the MYRP as filed October 6, 2022. These exhibits include the 12/2021 Fuel EMF, DSM, EE, EDIT-3, EDIT-4 (including proposed EDIT-4 changes), and Joint Agency Asset riders, The exhibits do not include the effects of REPS and DSM/EE Opt-Outs on customer bills.

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Rate Year 2	\$362.44	\$377.86	\$15.42	4.3%
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Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 1	\$18,203	\$19,378	\$1,175	6.5%
Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 1	\$457,431	\$487,483	\$30,052	6.6%
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

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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  
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9001 Mail Service Center  
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Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-3
- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (EC) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

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EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

**RESIDENTIAL** – The proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer served under Schedule RES using 1,000 kWh per month, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Affordability Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Residential Decoupling Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows:

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Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

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DEP in its application is also proposing a Customer Assistance Program that will provide a flat, monthly bill credit of \$42 to eligible low-income residential customers. The cost of providing this program will be recovered through the proposed Customer Assistance Recovery Rider.

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Rate Year 2	\$362.44	\$377.86	\$15.42	4.3%
Rate Year 3	\$377.86	\$392.06	\$14.20	3.8%

Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$18,203	\$19,378	\$1,175	6.5%
Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$457,431	\$487,483	\$30,052	6.6%
Rate Year 2	\$487,483	\$497,743	\$10,260	2.1%
Rate Year 3	\$497,743	\$506,559	\$8,816	1.8%

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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.

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 – North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4326 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
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In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for  
Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to  
Electric Service in North Carolina  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON RATE  
INCREASE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested this increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.16 and North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-178, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a residential decoupling Ratemaking Mechanism that would distribute to or collect from the residential class of customers amounts based on any difference between actual and target revenues per residential customer established in this case; (2) a Multiyear Rate Plan (MYRP), which increases base rates each year to reflect costs and savings associated with discrete and identifiable capital investments projected to be used and useful during the course of the three-year PBR period; (3) an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that would require sharing of earnings over a certain threshold each year of the multiyear period; and (4) four Performance Incentive Mechanisms that would penalize or reward DEP based on its achievement of, or failure to achieve, Commission-approved policy goals.

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Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

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The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

- Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786
- Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573
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North Carolina Utilities Commission  
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Greene County Courthouse  
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Robeson County Courthouse  
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The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):

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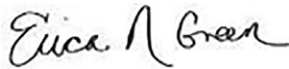
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Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina	) ) )	PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEAR-INGS ON RATE INCREASE APPLICATION
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested this increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.16 and North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-17B, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a residential Decoupling Ratemaking Mechanism that would distribute to or collect from the residential class of customers amounts based on any difference between actual and target revenues per residential customer established in this case; (2) a Multiyear Rate Plan (MYRP), which increases base rates each year to reflect costs and savings associated with discrete and identifiable capital investments projected to be used and useful during the course of the three-year PBR period; (3) an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that would require sharing of earnings over a certain threshold each year of the multiyear period; and (4) four Performance Incentive Mechanisms that would penalize or reward DEP based on its achievement of, or failure to achieve, Commission-approved policy goals.

In addition to the refund of EDIT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
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Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street Commission Hearing Room 2115  
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Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Greene County Courthouse  
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Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Robeson County Courthouse  
500 N. Elm Street Courtroom B  
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The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commissioner Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3,471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025 through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDIT-4 rider to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$325.8 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$150.8 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$138.3 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$615.0 million. The proposed change in the EDIT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (part way through Rate Year 3) along with the rest of the EDIT-4 rider.

The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year One Percent-age Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Two Percent-age Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase in Base Revenues
Residential	\$1,865,279	\$208,136	11.2%	\$94,181	5.0%	\$87,079	4.7%
Small General Service	\$222,186	\$20,432	9.2%	\$10,033	4.5%	\$9,247	4.2%
Small General Service Constant Load	\$5,997	\$504	8.4%	\$272	4.5%	\$252	4.2%
Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$56,533	7.2%	\$26,662	3.4%	\$24,478	3.1%
Large General Service	\$488,627	\$28,367	5.8%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$19,221	19.9%	\$5,390	5.6%	\$4,231	4.4%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$326	120.8%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
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Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.0%

In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs included in Rider BA. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP and calculated by the Public Staff.

The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300  
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Seasonal	\$4,452	\$746	16.8%	\$269	6.0%	\$245	5.5%
Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.0%

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The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

Rate Class	Present Base Reve-nues*	Present Base Revenues, Including Riders**	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase**	Rate Year One Percentage Increase	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase**	Rate Year Two Per-centage Increase	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase* **	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase
Residential	\$1,865,279	\$2,056,560	\$202,964	9.9%	\$94,181	4.6%	\$87,079	4.2%
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\*\*\*The Rate Year revenues includes the proposed EDIT-4 refund. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP.

The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):

1 Base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates will be updated after December 1, 2022, when new fuel rates become effective under Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292.

Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjust-ment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjust-ment Rate
Residential	\$0.02083	\$0.00046	\$0.02129	\$0.00000
Small General Service	\$0.02129	-\$0.00015	\$0.02114	\$0.00000
Medium General Service	\$0.02231	-\$0.00059	\$0.02172	\$0.00000
Large General Service	\$0.02207	-\$0.00185	\$0.02022	\$0.00000
Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-3
- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (EC) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

As part of the Annual Review of DEP's PBR plan, DEP will adjust rates as authorized by the Residential Decoupling Mechanism, the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, and the Performance Incentive Mechanism(s) in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements associated with each Mechanism.

EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

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Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$126.43	\$139.58	\$13.15	10.4%
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Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

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DEP in its application is also proposing a Customer Assistance Program that will provide a flat, monthly bill credit of \$42 to eligible low-income residential customers. The cost of providing this program will be recovered through the proposed Customer Assistance Recovery Rider.

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Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 2	\$487,483	\$497,743	\$10,260	2.1%
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OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

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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:

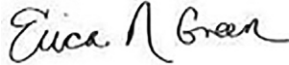
Mr. Christopher J. Ayers Executive Director  
Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission 4326 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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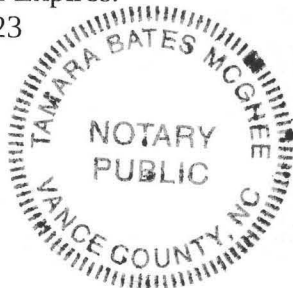
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Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
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Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

#### OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.

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 – North Carolina Utilities Commission 4326 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein Attorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities 9001 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001 This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

*Erica N. Green*

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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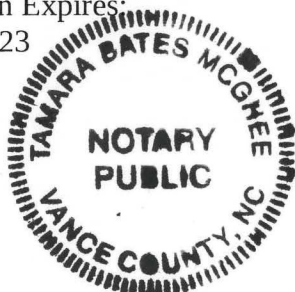
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH**  
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CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON  
RATE INCREASE APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested this increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.16 and North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-17B, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a residential Decoupling Ratemaking Mechanism that would distribute to or collect from the residential class of customers amounts based on any difference between actual and target revenues per residential customer established in this case; (2) a Multiyear Rate Plan (MYRP), which increases base rates each year to reflect costs and savings associated with discrete and identifiable capital investments projected to be used and useful during the course of the three-year PBR period; (3) an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that would require sharing of earnings over a certain threshold each year of the multiyear period; and (4) four Performance Incentive Mechanisms that would penalize or reward DEP based on its achievement of, or failure to achieve, Commission-approved policy goals.

In addition to the refund of EDIT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
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Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid;

(2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Robeson County Courthouse  
500 N. Elm Street  
Courtroom B  
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Commission Hearing Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Greene County Courthouse  
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Courtroom 1  
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The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commissioner Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

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In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3.471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025 through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001 This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

*Erica N. Green*

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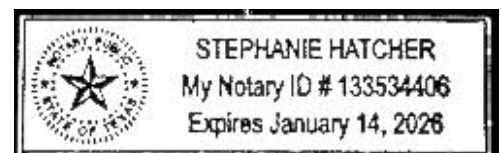
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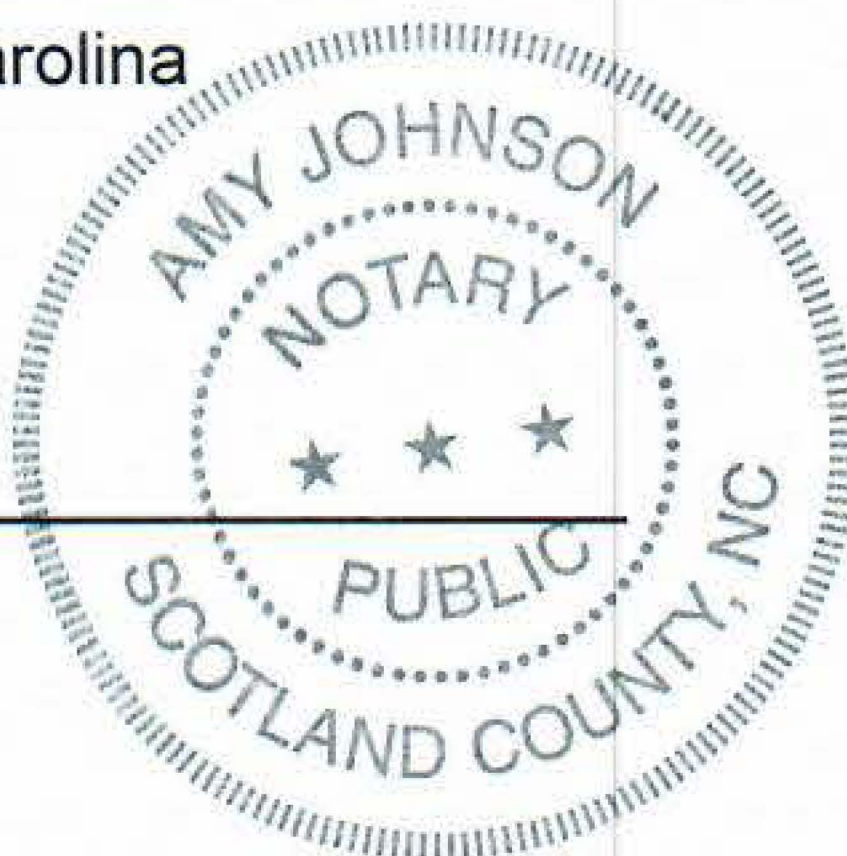
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DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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) PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS  
) RATE INCREASE APPLICATION  
)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

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In addition to the refund of EDIT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
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- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
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Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street Commission Hearing Room 2115  
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Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

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500 N. Elm Street Courtroom B  
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The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commissioner Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3.471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025 through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDIT-4 rider to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$325.8 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$150.8 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$138.3 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$615.0 million. The proposed change in the EDIT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (part way through Rate Year 3) along with the rest of the EDIT-4 rider.

The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year One Percentage Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase in Base Revenues
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Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$19,221	19.9%	\$5,390	5.6%	\$4,231	4.4%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$326	120.8%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$746	16.8%	\$269	6.0%	\$245	5.5%
Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.00%

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The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

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The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):<sup>1</sup>

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Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

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- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.00%

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The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

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Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$3,849,320	\$325,801	8.5%	\$150,816	3.9%	\$138,348	3.6%

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\*\* Present riders include EDIT-3, EDIT-4, DSM/EE, Fuel EMF, REPS, JAAR, and CPRE.  
\*\*\* The Rate Year revenues includes the proposed EDIT-4 refund. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP.

The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B\_1, B\_2, and B\_3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):<sup>1</sup>

Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
Residential	\$0.02083	\$0.00046	\$0.02129	\$0.00000
Small General Service	\$0.02129	-\$0.00015	\$0.02114	\$0.00000
Medium General Service	\$0.02231	-\$0.00059	\$0.02172	\$0.00000
Large General Service	\$0.02207	-\$0.00185	\$0.02022	\$0.00000
Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-3
- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at:

<https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (EC) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

As part of the Annual Review of DEP's PBR plan, DEP will adjust rates as authorized by the Residential Decoupling Mechanism, the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, and the Performance Incentive Mechanism(s) in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements associated with each Mechanism.

EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

RESIDENTIAL – The proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer served under Schedule RES using 1,000 kWh per month, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Affordability Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Residential Decoupling Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$126.43	\$139.58	\$13.15	10.4%
Rate Year 2	\$139.58	\$145.20	\$5.62	4.0%
Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

<sup>2</sup> The tables and information used to determine the effect of rate are taken from Reed Exhibits 5 for each year of the MYRP as filed October 6, 2022. These exhibits include the 12/2021 Fuel EMF, DSM, EE, EDIT-3, EDIT-4 (including proposed EDIT-4 changes), and Joint Agency Asset riders. The exhibits do not include the effects of REPS and DSM/EE Opt-Outs on customer bills.

DEP in its application is also proposing a Customer Assistance Program that will provide a flat, monthly bill credit of \$42 to eligible low-income residential customers. The cost of providing this program will be recovered through the proposed Customer Assistance Recovery Rider.

NON-RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service) – The proposed total monthly bill for a nonresidential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders as currently approved (except for the effects of any Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Decoupling Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules: NON-RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service) - The proposed total monthly bill for a non-residential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Assistance Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules:

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Rate Year 2	\$362.44	\$377.86	\$15.42	4.3%
Rate Year 3	\$377.86	\$392.06	\$14.20	3.8%

Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 1	\$18,203	\$19,378	\$1,175	6.5%
Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

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Rate Year 1	\$457,431	\$487,483	\$30,052	6.6%
Rate Year 2	\$487,483	\$497,743	\$10,260	2.1%
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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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 search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.


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  
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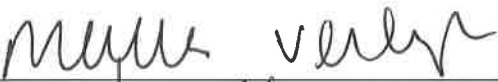
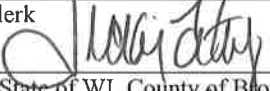
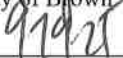
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Small General Service Constant Load	\$5,997	\$504	8.4%	\$272	4.5%	\$252	4.2%
Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$56,533	7.2%	\$26,662	3.4%	\$24,478	3.1%
Large General Service	\$488,627	\$28,367	5.8%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$19,221	19.9%	\$5,390	5.6%	\$4,231	4.4%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$326	120.8%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$746	16.8%	\$269	6.0%	\$245	5.5%
Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$334,295	9.6%	\$150,816	4.3%	\$138,348	4.0%

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs included in Rider BA. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP and calculated by the Public Staff.

The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Present Base Revenues, Including Riders**	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year One Percentage Increase	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase
Residential	\$1,865,279	\$2,056,560	\$202,964	9.9%	\$94,181	4.6%	\$87,079	4.2%
Small General Service	\$222,186	\$253,057	\$19,879	7.9%	\$10,033	4.0%	\$9,247	3.7%
Small General Service Constant Load	\$5,997	\$7,222	\$490	6.8%	\$272	3.8%	\$252	3.5%
Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$887,749	\$55,010	6.2%	\$26,662	3.0%	\$24,478	2.8%
Large General Service	\$488,627	\$544,566	\$27,588	5.1%	\$13,914	2.6%	\$12,732	2.3%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$527	\$29	5.6%	\$17	3.3%	\$16	3.1%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$94,495	\$18,790	19.9%	\$5,390	5.7%	\$4,231	4.5%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$270	\$321	118.9%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$4,875	\$730	15.0%	\$269	5.5%	\$245	5.0%
Total Revenue/ Increase	\$3,471,144	\$3,849,320	\$325,801	8.5%	\$150,816	3.9%	\$138,348	3.6%

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs included in Rider BA.

\*\*Present riders include EDIT-3, EDIT-4, DSM/EE, Fuel EMF, REPS, JAAR, and CPRE.

\*\*\*The Rate Year revenues including the proposed EDIT-4 refund. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP.

The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B.1, B.2, and B.3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B.1, B.2, and B.3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):<sup>1</sup>

1 Base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates will be updated after December 1, 2022, when new fuel rates become effective under Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292.

Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
Residential	\$0.02083	\$0.00046	\$0.02129	\$0.00000
Small General Service	\$0.02129	-\$0.00015	\$0.02114	\$0.00000
Medium General Service	\$0.02231	-\$0.00059	\$0.02172	\$0.00000
Large General Service	\$0.02207	-\$0.00185	\$0.02022	\$0.00000
Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-3
- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (ED) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

As part of the Annual Review of DEP's PBR plan, DEP will adjust rates as authorized by the Residential Decoupling Mechanism, the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, and the Performance Incentive Mechanism(s) in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements associated with each Mechanism.

**EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>**

**RESIDENTIAL** – The proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer served under Schedule RES using 1,000 kWh per month, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Affordability Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Residential Decoupling Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$126.43	\$139.58	\$13.15	10.4%
Rate Year 2	\$139.58	\$145.20	\$5.62	4.0%
Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

2 The tables and information used to determine the effect of rate are taken from Reed Exhibits 5 for each year of the MYRP as filed October 6, 2022. These exhibits include the 12/2021 Fuel EMF, DSM, EE, EDIT-3, EDIT-4 (including proposed EDIT-4 changes), and Joint Agency Asset riders. The exhibits do not include the effects of REPS and DSM/EE Opt-Outs on customer bills.

DEP in its application is also proposing a Customer Assistance Program that will provide a flat, monthly bill credit of \$42 to eligible low-income residential customers. The cost of providing this program will be recovered through the proposed Customer Assistance Recovery Rider.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service)** – The proposed total monthly bill for a nonresidential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders as currently approved (except for the effects of any Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Decoupling Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules: **NON- RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service)** - The proposed total monthly bill for a non-residential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Assistance Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules:

Schedule SGS using 25 kW demand and 3,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$335.28	\$362.44	\$27.16	8.1%
Rate Year 2	\$362.44	\$377.86	\$15.42	4.3%
Rate Year 3	\$377.86	\$392.06	\$14.20	3.8%

Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$18,203	\$19,378	\$1,175	6.5%
Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	\$530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$457,431	\$487,483	\$30,052	6.6%
Rate Year 2	\$487,483	\$497,743	\$10,260	2.1%
Rate Year 3	\$497,743	\$506,559	\$8,816	1.8%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

**OTHER MATTERS**

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.

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 – North Carolina 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 Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

*Erica N. Green*

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA,  
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Rachel Amanda Hartley, File No: 22E1473, deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 15, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 15th day of January, 2023.  
Carol Sue Raynor  
Administratrix of the Estate  
214 Oakmont Dr.,  
Hampstead, NC 28443

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NORTH CAROLINA,  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Jacqueline Davis Worley, File No: 22E1515, deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 22, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 22nd day of January, 2023.  
Wendy Roe Worley  
Administrator of the Estate  
1926 Moss St.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

Notice to creditors:  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Elizabeth DeWalt Gross, deceased, of NEW HANOVER County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 23, 2023,

Notice To Creditors

or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.  
All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.  
This 22nd day of January, 2023.

Thomas H. Gross – Executor  
Of the Estate of  
Elizabeth DeWalt Gross  
C/O Thomas H. Gross  
5429 S. Idalia Way  
Centennial, CO 80015

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NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
PLANNING BOARD  
February 2, 2023  
The New Hanover County Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. or thereafter at the New Hanover County Historic Courthouse, 24 North Third Street (corner of Third and Princess Street), Room 301, in Wilmington, NC to consider the following requests:  
**The Planning Board has adopted a revised 2023 meeting schedule. All scheduled meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. A complete schedule of Planning Board meetings for 2023 can be found at https://www.nhcgov.com/1103/Boards-Meetings.**  
The live meeting will be available on NHCTV.com and NHCTV's cable stations: Spectrum channel 13 and Charter channel 5.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
For the upcoming Planning Board meeting, individuals can submit public comments in advance to https://www.nhcgov.com/1105/Public-Comment-Form

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by Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Written comments will be provided to the board, and the board chair will acknowledge receipt during the public hearing or preliminary forum or will submit comments into the record during the public hearing or preliminary forum.  
**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
**Item 1: Rezoning Request (Z22-23)** – Request by Cindee Wolf with Design Solutions, applicant, on behalf of 6844 Bayat Land, LLC, property owner, to rezone two parcels totaling approximately 3.83 acres of land located at 6830 and 6844 Carolina Beach Road from R-5, Residential to 2.00 acres of CZD B-1, Neighborhood Business for a convenience store and 1.83 acres of CZD R-5, Residential for 12 single-family attached dwellings. This item was continued from the January 5, 2023 meeting.  
**Item 2: Rezoning Request (Z23-02)** – Request by Samuel Franck with Ward and Smith P.A., applicant, on behalf of Swartville, LLC, property owners, to rezone two unaddressed parcels (Parcel IDs: R02500-002-030-000 and R02500-002-006-000) totaling approximately 104 acres of land located between Castle Hayne Road and Blue Clay Road south of Interstate I-140 from R-20, Residential to R-7, Residential Moderate Density.  
**Item 3: Rezoning Request (Z23-03)** – Request by James Yopp with River Road Construction, LLC and Hoosier Daddy, LLC, applicant and property owner, to rezone 29 parcels totaling approximately 42.10 acres of land, including 5741 Carolina Beach Road and 18 unaddressed parcels on Shiloh Drive north of Manassas Drive, from R-15, Residential to CZD R-5, Residential Moderate

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High Density for 10 single-family residential lots and 327 residential townhomes with associated open space and amenity center.  
**Item 4: Rezoning Request (Z23-04)** – Request by James Yopp with River Road Construction, LLC, applicant and property owner, to rezone two parcels totaling approximately 13.94 acres of land located at 4900 Carolina Beach Road from R-15, Residential and CZD O&I, Office and Institutional to CZD RMF-L, Residential Multi-Family – Low Density and CZD B-2, Regional Business for a storage facility and 126 multi-family units.  
**Item 5: Rezoning Request (Z23-05)** – Request by Frank Chapman with Davie Construction Co., applicant, on behalf of Milton Turner Schaeffer, III, property owner, to rezone the approximately 1.7 acre parcel located at 4629 Carolina Beach Road from CZD B-2, Regional Business to a new CZD B-2 district to convert an existing single-family home for office and veterinary services.  
The Planning Board may consider substantial changes to petitions as a result of objections, debate, and discussion at the meeting, including rezoning to other classifications. Petitions for the above items may be viewed or inquiries made by contacting the Department of Planning & Land Use at 910-798-7165, 230 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC. All interested citizens are invited to attend. To review specific application documents, please visit the Development Activity page online at: www.PlanNHC.com.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,  
for Adjustment of Rates and  
Charges Applicable to Electric Service in  
North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON  
RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested this increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.16 and North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-17B, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a residential Decoupling Ratemaking Mechanism that would distribute to or collect from the residential class of customers amounts based on any difference between actual and target revenues per residential customer established in this case; (2) a Multiyear Rate Plan (MYRP), which increases base rates each year to reflect costs and savings associated with discrete and identifiable capital investments projected to be used and useful during the course of the three-year PBR period; (3) an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that would require sharing of earnings over a certain threshold each year of the multiyear period; and (4) four Performance incentive Mechanisms that would penalize or reward DEP based on its achievement of, or failure to achieve, Commission-approved policy goals.

In addition to the refund of EDIT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:  
• Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider  
• Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider  
• Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider  
• Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider  
• Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:  
Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786  
Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Commission Hearing Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603  
Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Greene County Courthouse  
301 N. Green Street  
Courtroom 1  
Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Robeson County Courthouse  
500 N. Elm Street  
Courtroom B  
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).

The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3.471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025 through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDIT-4 rider to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$325.8 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$150.8 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$138.3 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$615.0 million. The proposed change in the EDIT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (part way through Rate Year 3) along with the rest of the EDIT-4 rider.

The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

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The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

OTHER MATTERS  
A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov. Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.  
As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/contactus.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.  
Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.  
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 – North Carolina 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 Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001  
This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

NOTE TO PRINTER: DEP shall pay advertising costs. It is required that an Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by DEP.

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CERTIFICATION

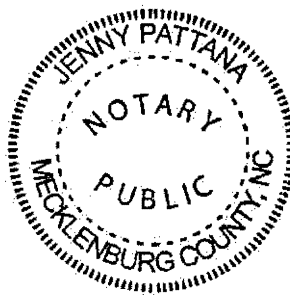
COUNTY OF WAKE

Katie Wojcik, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Senior Marketing Manager for Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP"); that under her direction and supervision the attached Public Notice of Hearings on Rate Case Application in NCUC Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 has been sent electronically to each DEP retail customer in North Carolina that receive bills electronically.

This the 28 day of February, 2023.

Katie Wojcik  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 28 day of February, 2023.



Notary Public: Jenny Pattana

My commission expires: 06/08/2025



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1300

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON  
RATE INCREASE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 6, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina. DEP supplies retail electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers in North Carolina.

In its application, DEP requests authority to increase its rates and charges to produce additional overall annual North Carolina base revenues of approximately \$623.5 million (exclusive of all riders), an increase of approximately 17.7% over current base revenues. DEP has requested this increase to take place in steps over the course of three years as further described below. This application also includes a request for approval of a Performance Based Regulation (PBR) application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.16 and North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-17B, including proposed changes in customer rates authorized by the statute and rule. More specifically, the application includes (1) a residential Decoupling Ratemaking Mechanism that would distribute to or collect from the residential class of customers amounts based on any difference between actual and target revenues per residential customer established in this case; (2) a Multiyear Rate Plan (MYRP), which increases base rates each year to reflect costs and savings associated with discrete and identifiable capital investments projected to be used and useful during the course of the three-year PBR period; (3) an Earnings Sharing Mechanism that would require sharing of earnings over a certain threshold each year of the multiyear period; and (4) four Performance Incentive Mechanisms that would penalize or reward DEP based on its achievement of, or failure to achieve, Commission-approved policy goals.

In addition to the refund of EDIT-4 revenues, DEP has requested approval of the following riders:

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Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon-free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Commission Hearing Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Greene County Courthouse  
301 N. Green Street  
Courtroom 1  
Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Robeson County Courthouse  
500 N. Elm Street  
Courtroom B  
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commissioner Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).



The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3,471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025, through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDIT-4 rider to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$325.8 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$150.8 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$138.3 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$615.0 million. The proposed change in the EDIT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (part way through Rate Year 3) along with the rest of the EDIT-4 rider.

The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

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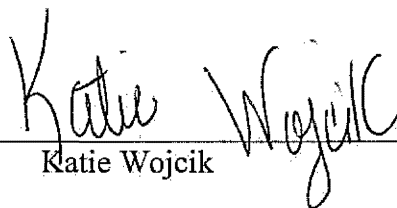
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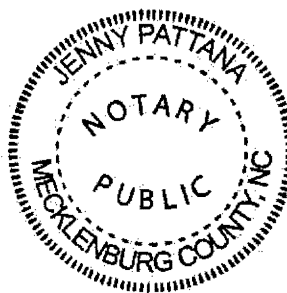
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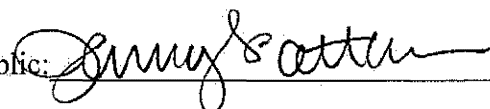
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

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North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Commission Hearing Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

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Courtroom 1  
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In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3.471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025, through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

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The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

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Large General Service	\$488,627	\$28,367	5.8%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$19,221	19.9%	\$5,390	5.6%	\$4,231	4.4%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$326	120.8%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$746	16.8%	\$269	6.0%	\$245	5.5%
<b>Total Revenue/ Increase</b>	<b>\$3,471,144</b>	<b>\$334,295</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>\$150,816</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>\$138,348</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

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The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

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The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

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Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
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- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
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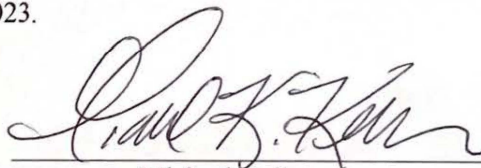
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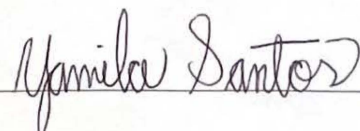
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- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

Further, DEP is seeking approval of a rate of return on common equity of 10.2%.

DEP states that the primary drivers behind its request to increase rates are the costs incurred for: (1) distribution and transmission projects intended to modernize its electric grid; (2) improvements to reliability through a balanced portfolio of storage, solar, and other generation projects to continue the clean energy transition; (3) closure of coal ash basins; (4) implementation of new billing and customer information systems; (5) maintenance of DEP's nuclear fleet; and (6) DEP's COVID-19 response.

Specifically, DEP states that its request is driven by investments made by DEP since its 2019 rate case, including: (1) investments in existing nuclear plants to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency, and to preserve performance and reliability of these plants throughout their extended life operations; (2) new investments in traditional and renewable generation and storage assets; (3) continued investments to maintain remaining coal-fired generation and hydroelectric generation; (4) the addition of three battery installations; (5) ongoing work to retire and close existing coal-fired units; (6) adding new carbon-free technologies such as solar and storage; and (7) upgrading transmission and distribution systems to be more reliable, resilient, and supportive of renewable technologies.

Additionally, DEP is requesting an accounting orders related to for approval to: (1) ongoing regulatory asset treatment of the costs for environmental compliance related to the closure of coal ash basins; (2) continued deferral of bad debt expense related to the COVID-19 pandemic; (3) deferral of a portion of the impact associated with updated depreciation rates for its coal plants; (4) deferral of costs associated with implementing customer service programs; (5) deferral of storm costs; and (6) deferral of certain costs related to a new performance incentive mechanism dashboard.

DEP is also proposing new programs to that are intended to benefit customers including a customer assistance program for low-income customers, a tariffed-on-bill program, and the Payment Navigator Program.

The Commission has issued an order suspending the proposed rate increases and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing, as follows:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Commission has scheduled the application for hearings as follows:

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Haywood County Courthouse  
285 N. Main Street  
Courtroom 2-A  
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Person County Courthouse  
105 S. Main Street  
Superior Courtroom  
Roxboro, North Carolina 27573

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Commission Hearing Room 2115  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Greene County Courthouse  
301 N. Green Street  
Courtroom 1  
Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Robeson County Courthouse  
500 N. Elm Street  
Courtroom B  
Lumberton, North Carolina 28359

The hearings on March 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2023, will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commissioner Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1-21(g)(5).



The hearings will resume in Raleigh on May 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for DEP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

In this application, DEP has identified present total base rate service revenues (plus the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider) under current rates for the 2021 test period of \$3,471 billion. DEP requests that the Commission allow it to recover total additional base rate service revenues of \$334.3 million in Rate Year 1 (including the traditional general rate case increase above of \$227.6 million and \$106.7 million for MYRP projects in Year 1, effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; base service revenues of \$485.1 million (incremental change of \$150.8 million) in Rate Year 2, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and base service revenues of \$623.5 million (incremental change of \$138.3 million) in Rate Year 3, effective October 1, 2025, through such time as new rates are approved by the Commission.

These requested increases are partially offset by a net rate reduction of \$8.5 million each year in the EDIT-4 rider to refund certain tax benefits resulting from the Tax Act and the reduction in North Carolina's state-corporate tax rate, which results in a proposed net revenue increase of \$325.8 million for Rate Year 1, an additional \$150.8 million for Rate Year 2, and an additional \$138.3 million for Rate Year 3, totaling \$615.0 million. The proposed change in the EDIT-4 rider reduction would expire in June 2026 (part way through Rate Year 3) along with the rest of the EDIT-4 rider.

The proposed net revenue increases for each Rate Year are distributed among classes of customers as follows:

The following table represents the annual increases for each Rate Year totaling \$623.5 million resulting from DEP's base revenue increases excluding the EDIT-4 refund:

Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year One Percentage Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase in Base Revenues	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase*	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase in Base Revenues
Residential	\$1,865,279	\$208,136	11.2%	\$94,181	5.0%	\$87,079	4.7%
Small General Service	\$222,186	\$20,432	9.2%	\$10,033	4.5%	\$9,247	4.2%
Small General Service Constant Load	\$5,997	\$504	8.4%	\$272	4.5%	\$252	4.2%
Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$56,533	7.2%	\$26,662	3.4%	\$24,478	3.1%
Large General Service	\$488,627	\$28,367	5.8%	\$13,914	2.8%	\$12,732	2.6%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$30	6.9%	\$17	4.0%	\$16	3.7%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$19,221	19.9%	\$5,390	5.6%	\$4,231	4.4%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$326	120.8%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$746	16.8%	\$269	6.0%	\$245	5.5%
<b>Total Revenue/ Increase</b>	<b>\$3,471,144</b>	<b>\$334,295</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>\$150,816</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>\$138,348</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs included in Rider BA. Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP and calculated by the Public Staff.

The following table represents the average bill increase by rate class for each Rate Year totaling \$615 million (including the EDIT-4 refund) resulting from DEP's base revenue increases. Present total revenues including riders displayed below include present base rates and present riders effective on October 6, 2022.

Rate Class	Present Base Revenues*	Present Base Revenues, Including Riders**	Rate Year One Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year One Percentage Increase	Rate Year Two Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Two Percentage Increase	Rate Year Three Base Revenue Increase***	Rate Year Three Percentage Increase
Residential	\$1,865,279	\$2,056,560	\$202,964	9.9%	\$94,181	4.6%	\$87,079	4.2%
Small General Service	\$222,186	\$253,057	\$19,879	7.9%	\$10,033	4.0%	\$9,247	3.7%
Small General Service Constant Load	\$5,997	\$7,222	\$490	6.8%	\$272	3.8%	\$252	3.5%
Medium General Service	\$787,389	\$887,749	\$55,010	6.2%	\$26,662	3.0%	\$24,478	2.8%
Large General Service	\$488,627	\$544,566	\$27,588	5.1%	\$13,914	2.6%	\$12,732	2.3%
Traffic Signal Service	\$437	\$527	\$29	5.6%	\$17	3.3%	\$16	3.1%
Outdoor Lighting	\$96,507	\$94,495	\$18,790	19.9%	\$5,390	5.7%	\$4,231	4.5%
Sports Field Lighting	\$270	\$270	\$321	118.9%	\$77	28.6%	\$69	25.5%
Seasonal	\$4,452	\$4,875	\$730	15.0%	\$269	5.5%	\$245	5.0%
<b>Total Revenue/ Increase</b>	<b>\$3,471,144</b>	<b>\$3,849,320</b>	<b>\$325,801</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>\$150,816</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>\$138,348</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

\* In thousands and including the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs included in Rider BA.

\*\*Present riders include EDIT-3, EDIT-4, DSM/EE, Fuel EMF, REPS, JAAR, and CPRE.

\*\*\*The Rate Year revenues includes the proposed EDIT-4 refund.

Information taken from Reed Exhibits 4 for each year of the MYRP.

The actual increases within the above-listed rate classes will vary by rate schedule and individual customer usage characteristics.

All proposed changes to DEP's rate schedules are shown in Exhibits B, B \_ 1, B \_ 2, and B \_ 3 in the Application. The energy rates shown on the rate schedules in Exhibits B, B \_ 1, B \_ 2, and B \_ 3 include the proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates as filed by DEP in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1272. Present and proposed base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates by customer class are as follows (including the regulatory fee):<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Base fuel and forward-looking fuel adjustment rates will be updated after December 1, 2022, when new fuel rates become effective under Docket No. E-2, Sub 1292.



Customer Class	Present Base Fuel Rate	Present Fuel Adjustment Rate	Proposed Base Fuel Rate	Proposed Fuel Adjustment Rate
Residential	\$0.02083	\$0.00046	\$0.02129	\$0.00000
Small General Service	\$0.02129	-\$0.00015	\$0.02114	\$0.00000
Medium General Service	\$0.02231	-\$0.00059	\$0.02172	\$0.00000
Large General Service	\$0.02207	-\$0.00185	\$0.02022	\$0.00000
Lighting	\$0.01394	\$0.00290	\$0.01684	\$0.00000

The proposed revenues stated above do not include the impacts from various riders that have been approved by the Commission in separate proceedings (except for the forward-looking component of the annual fuel and fuel-related costs rider), or that may be approved in future annual proceedings. The following list of riders in effect at the time of this notice are applicable to DEP's rate schedules pursuant to existing law and the Commission's rules and orders applicable to each rider:

- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-3
- Excess Deferred Income Tax Rider EDIT-4
- Billing Adjustments (BA) Rider
  - Fuel and Fuel-Related Adjustment
  - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Adjustment
  - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS)
- Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Rider
- Joint Agency Asset (JAA) Rider
- Storm Cost Recovery (SCR) Rider
- Storm Securitization (STS) Rider

The current amounts of the riders listed above can be found at DEP's website at:

<https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/rates> (select North Carolina and the applicable utility on the top navigation bar)

In addition to the current riders listed above, DEP is also proposing the following new riders:

- Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) Rider
- Residential Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) Rider
- Performance Incentive Mechanism (PIM) Rider
- Economic Development (EC) Rider
- Non-Residential Solar Choice (NSC) Rider
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Rider
- Customer Assistance Recovery (CAR) Rider

As part of the Annual Review of DEP's PBR plan, DEP will adjust rates as authorized by the Residential Decoupling Mechanism, the Earnings Sharing Mechanism, and the Performance Incentive Mechanism(s) in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements associated with each Mechanism.

## EFFECT OF RATES<sup>2</sup>

**RESIDENTIAL** – The proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer served under Schedule RES using 1,000 kWh per month, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Affordability Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Residential Decoupling Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$126.43	\$139.58	\$13.15	10.4%
Rate Year 2	\$139.58	\$145.20	\$5.62	4.0%
Rate Year 3	\$145.20	\$150.41	\$5.21	3.6%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

DEP in its application is also proposing a Customer Assistance Program that will provide a flat, monthly bill credit of \$42 to eligible low-income residential customers. The cost of providing this program will be recovered through the proposed Customer Assistance Recovery Rider.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service)** – The proposed total monthly bill for a nonresidential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders as currently approved (except for the effects of any Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, Decoupling Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules: **NON-RESIDENTIAL (General Service and Industrial Service)** – The proposed total monthly bill for a non-residential general or industrial service customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates and all such rate riders in effect at the time of this notice as currently approved (except for the effects of any Customer Assistance Recovery Riders, Earnings Sharing Mechanism Riders, or Performance Incentive Mechanism Riders) would be as follows for the specific customers using the levels of demand and energy service under specific schedules:

Schedule SGS using 25 kW demand and 3,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$335.28	\$362.44	\$27.16	8.1%
Rate Year 2	\$362.44	\$377.86	\$15.42	4.3%
Rate Year 3	\$377.86	\$392.06	\$14.20	3.8%

<sup>2</sup>The tables and information used to determine the effect of rate are taken from Reed Exhibits 5 for each year of the MYRP as filed October 6, 2022. These exhibits include the 12/2021 Fuel EMF, DSM, EE, EDIT-3, EDIT-4 (including proposed EDIT-4 changes), and Joint Agency Asset riders. The exhibits do not include the effects of REPS and DSM/EE Opt-Outs on customer bills.



Schedule MGS using 500 kW demand and 200,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$18,203	\$19,378	\$1,175	6.5%
Rate Year 2	\$19,378	\$19,941	\$563	2.9%
Rate Year 3	\$19,941	\$20,471	530	2.7%

Schedule LGS using 10,000 kW demand and 5,800,000 kWh:

Year	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month)	Change (\$) (\$/month)	Change (%)
Rate Year 1	\$457,431	\$487,483	\$30,052	6.6%
Rate Year 2	\$487,483	\$497,743	\$10,260	2.1%
Rate Year 3	\$497,743	\$506,559	\$8,816	1.8%

The dollar amount and percentage change noted above will vary with each customer's level of electricity usage and rate schedule by which they receive service.

The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the DEP's application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DEP, but the Commission will not consider any increase in total revenues beyond that requested by DEP.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates, can be obtained at the business offices of DEP 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.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov). Click on "Docket Search" and search for docket number E-2 SUB 1300.

As stated above, the Commission has suspended the proposed rate changes and has scheduled the application for investigation and hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. 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-2, Sub 1300. 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. Customers can also email the Commission a statement about DEP's rate request via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

Persons having an interest in the investigation and desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record may file their petitions to intervene not later than March 17, 2023. These petitions should reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1300 and should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. All parties to this proceeding planning to present expert testimony must prefile their testimony and exhibits not later than March 27, 2023.

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 – North Carolina 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 Josh Stein  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
c/o Consumer Protection – Utilities  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 16th day of December, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

  
Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk