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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

RE: Docket E-34, Sub 46

Application of Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

In the captioned Docket, Appalachian State University's, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company ("New River") Application for Adjustment of Rates and Charges, filed on July 28, 2017 and amended on August 7, 2017 and August 14, 2017 (the "Application"), nine (9) Proposed Rate Schedules were attached thereto as Exhibit B. As a result of a Data Request from the Public Staff, New River learned that four (4) of those Schedules – Schedule LEDL, Schedule OL, Schedule R and Schedule G – proposed a late payment fee that was contrary to Commission Rule R12-9 (the "Rule").

Schedule LEDL, Schedule OL and Schedule R

So that late payment provisions now comply with the Rule, New River hereby amends Schedule LEDL, Schedule OL and Schedule R, as follows. Where each such Schedule, under the "Payment" section, states:

"Past due accounts will be assessed a Late Fee of \$5.00. Bills are considered delinquent forty-five (45) days after the billing date and are subject to disconnection after expiration of delinquency procedures. Bills that are delinquent will be assessed an additional Delinquent Fee of \$15.00. If any bill is not paid, the Company has the right to suspend service."

the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

"Past due accounts are subject to disconnection after expiration of past due procedures. Bills that are past due will be assessed a one percent (1%) late payment charge."

Schedule G

So that late payment provisions now comply with the Rule, New River hereby amends <u>Schedule G</u>, as follows. Where such Schedule, under the "<u>Payment</u>" section, states:

"Past due accounts will be assessed a Late Fee of \$5.00. Bills are considered delinquent forty-five (45) days after the billing date and are subject to disconnection after expiration of delinquency procedures. Bills that are delinquent will be assessed an additional Delinquent Fee of \$15.00. If any bill is not paid, the Company has the right to suspend service."

the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

"Past due accounts will be assessed a one percent (1%) late payment charge. If any bill is not paid, the Company has the right to suspend service."

In addition, <u>Schedule G</u> is further amended hereby by deleting the second paragraph thereof.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Colo

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth Culpepper

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	
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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Michael S. Colo who, after first being duly sworn, said that he is the Attorney for the Petitioner in the captioned Docket and, as such, is authorized to make this verification; that he has read the foregoing Letter and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Michael S. Colo

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of October, 2017.

Dawn W. Ezzell, Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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NOTARY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that a copy of the letter to which this Certificate of Service is attached has been served by hand delivery, depositing a copy in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, or by electronic mail, properly addressed to the following parties of record:

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This the 18th day of October, 2017.

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