STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1322

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC,)	
for Approval of Demand-Side Management)	ORDER APPROVING
and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and)	OF CHANGES IN RATES
Commission Rule R8-69)	

BY THE CHAIR: On December 19, 2023, the Commission issued an Order in the above-captioned docket approving demand-side management and energy efficiency (DSM/EE) rate changes for service by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), effective on January 1, 2024. Further, the Commission directed that DEP develop a customer notice to inform customers about the DSM/EE rate changes.

On December 22, 2023, DEP filed a proposed Notice to Customers of Changes in Rates to reflect the DSM/EE rate changes approved by the Commission.

The Chair has reviewed the proposed Notice to Customers of Changes in Rates and finds good cause to approve it in the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of December, 2023.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 19, 2023, the North Carolina Utilities Commission entered an order in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1322 (DSM/EE Order), approving a change in the Annual Billing Adjustments Rider BA charged by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) for retail electric service in North Carolina. Rider BA is designed, in part, to collect the reasonable and prudent costs incurred by DEP to adopt and implement demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) measures, as well as appropriate utility incentives approved by the Commission, and to true up any underrecovery or over-recovery of costs and incentives under applicable DSM/EE riders previously in effect.

On June 15, 2009, and as revised on November 25, 2009, in Docket No. E-2, Sub 931, the Commission approved an initial mechanism for recovery of costs incurred and incentives earned for implementing DSM and EE measures in accordance with North Carolina law. On January 20, 2015 and October 20, 2020, also in Docket No. E-2, Sub 931, the Commission approved a revised mechanism for the same purposes. Pursuant to these mechanisms, and as a result of the DSM/EE Order, the DSM and EE rates stated in Rider BA have been revised, and new rates will be placed into effect as of January 1, 2024.

The rate changes associated with DEP's DSM and EE programs followed Commission review of DEP's DSM/EE expenses and proposed utility incentives during the test period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, as well as DEP's estimates for the calendar year 2024 rate period. The net changes in the DSM and EE rates approved effective January 2024 by class are as follows: Residential – a decrease of (\$0.011) cents per kilowatt hour (kWh); Small, Medium, and Large General Service (EE component) – a decrease of (\$0.079) cents per kWh; and Lighting – a decrease of (\$0.099) cents per kWh. There is no change in the rate of the DSM component for Small, Medium, and Large General Service customers.

Commercial customers with annual consumption of 1,000,000 kWh or greater in the prior calendar year and with their own energy efficiency or demand control programs, and all industrial customers with their own energy efficiency or demand control programs, may elect not to participate in DEP's DSM/EE programs and may thereby avoid paying either or both the DSM and EE charges. Because these rates are included in a customer's tariff charges, eligible commercial and industrial customers electing not to participate in DEP's programs will receive an offsetting credit on their monthly bills.

Summary of Rate Impact

These billing adjustments are effective January 1, 2024. The total monthly impact of the rate change for a residential customer consuming 1,000 kWh per month is a decrease of (\$0.11). The total monthly impact for commercial and industrial customers will vary based upon consumption and the customer's participation in DEP's demand-side management and energy efficiency programs.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

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