

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of 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)	ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL RATE CASE AND SUSPENDING RATES
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BY THE COMMISSION: On December 22, 2022, Appalachian State University d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates for retail electric service in its service area in North Carolina effective January 21, 2023. NRLP is an operating unit of Appalachian State University (ASU) that serves the electric power needs of ASU and retail customers in the Town of Boone and its surrounding areas. NRLP has a total of approximately 8,900 metered customers.

The Commission is of the opinion that the application constitutes a general rate case and that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-137.
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended for up to 270 days pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134.
3. That the test year period is established as the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2021.
4. That an order scheduling hearings and requiring customer notice shall be issued by the Commission at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 11th day of January, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk