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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Dobbs Building  
430 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

*Re: Motion for Final Approval of GreenTherm™ Program and Rider G  
Docket No. G-5, Subs 632 and 634*

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding on behalf of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“PSNC”) is its *Motion for Final Approval of GreenTherm™ Program and Rider G.*

Also enclosed for filing as Attachment 1 is PSNC and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission’s Joint Proposed Order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Kristin M. Athens

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Enclosure

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 632  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**MOTION FOR FINAL  
APPROVAL OF  
GREENTHERM™  
PROGRAM  
AND RIDER G**

NOW COMES Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“PSNC” or the “Company”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Rule R1-7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) respectfully requests final approval of the GreenTherm™ Program and Rider G tariff in accordance with the Commission’s *Order Approving Stipulation, Granting Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer* (“Order”) issued on January 21, 2022, in the above-referenced proceedings.

In support of this Motion, PSNC shows the following:

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

1. On April 1, 2021, PSNC filed an application with the Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and

increase its retail natural gas rates and charges, effective May 1, 2021 (“Application”). As part of the Application, PSNC requested Commission authority to implement the GreenTherm™ Program, a voluntary renewable energy program offering a way for participating customers to purchase attributes of renewable natural gas. PSNC also proposed deferred accounting treatment and the implementation of a Rider G to ensure that GreenTherm™ Program costs are properly accounted for and assigned to participating customers.

2. On September 23, 2021, the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”), Carolina Utilities Customer Association (“CUCA”), and Evergreen Packaging, LLC (“Evergreen”) filed testimony. The Public Staff testified that they support the development of a voluntary GreenTherm™ Program and recommended that the Commission order PSNC to proceed with the development of the program. However, the Public Staff also testified that the program should not receive final approval until PSNC has received the results of its request for proposals (“RFP”), determined the cost of a block of therms, and determined the sources for the renewable gas. The Public Staff also advocated for PSNC to consider carbon offsets and stated that once PSNC has fully developed the program, PSNC should update its proposal and file it with the Commission for approval.

3. On October 7, 2021, PSNC filed rebuttal testimony. PSNC’s rebuttal testimony requested the Commission approve the GreenTherm™ Program and Rider G, on the condition that PSNC promptly file the RNG attribute costs and other supporting information for Commission approval after responses to the Company’s RFP are received. The Company’s rebuttal testimony also committed to evaluate the benefits of

including carbon offsets in its RFP and to provide the Public Staff data and information regarding the RFP.

4. On October 15, 2021, PSNC, the Public Staff, CUCA, and Evergreen filed a Stipulation of Settlement (“Stipulation”). In Section 29 of the Stipulation, the stipulating parties agreed to provisional approval of PSNC’s proposed GreenTherm™ Program, subject to review and approval of the estimated program costs and revenues, sources of green attributes and carbon offsets, certification of the program, cost of a block of green attributes, and other specifications of the program. The stipulating parties further agreed that PSNC shall be allowed to recover reasonable and prudently incurred costs of the GreenTherm™ Program from participating customers through a Rider G recovery mechanism. Additionally, the stipulating parties agreed that PSNC would work with the Public Staff to finalize Rider G for purposes of cost recovery, and that PSNC would file such rider with the Commission for final approval.

5. In December 2021, PSNC issued an RFP to determine pricing for blocks of renewable natural gas attributes and carbon offsets.

6. On January 21, 2022, the Commission issued its Order, which approved the Stipulation and granted PSNC provisional approval of the GreenTherm™ Program, subject to review and approval of certain specifications prior to final approval. The Order also concluded that it was reasonable for PSNC to work with the Public Staff to finalize the Rider G and file such rider with the Commission for approval. Additionally, the Order granted PSNC cost recovery approval of reasonable and prudently incurred costs resulting from the GreenTherm™ Program.

7. As PSNC has developed the GreenTherm™ Program, PSNC has

provided information regarding the proposed program to the Public Staff. PSNC has continued to work with the Public Staff to develop the GreenTherm™ Program specifications and Rider G tariff requested for review and final approval herein.

**MOTION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROGRAM  
SPECIFICATIONS AND RIDER G**

8. In accordance with the Commission’s Order and Stipulation approved therein, PSNC respectfully moves the Commission for review and approval of the GreenTherm™ Program specifications and Rider G tariff.

9. The GreenTherm™ Program and corresponding Rider G, included as Exhibit A to this Motion, provide qualifying customers with the option to offset the carbon emissions associated with their natural gas usage through voluntary direct funding of the Company’s purchase of Green Attributes.<sup>1</sup> The Company proposes to purchase Green Attributes sourced from renewable natural gas (“RNG”)<sup>2</sup> and from nature-based carbon offsets,<sup>3</sup> including those generated from landfill projects and avoided forest conversion projects, all of which are beneficial to the environment. The Company will purchase and retire such Green Attributes on behalf of the collective participation of the customers under Rider G.

10. Rider G will initially be available to residential and commercial customers receiving natural gas service from the Company under Rate Schedules 101, Rate 102, 125, 127, and 140. Participation in the GreenTherm™ Program is voluntary, and Rider G is designed to allow customers who wish to offset carbon emissions from their use of

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<sup>1</sup> Rider G defines Green Attributes as “any credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets, and allowances attributable to RNG and carbon offsets.”

<sup>2</sup> RNG attributes are initially proposed to be procured from New York.

<sup>3</sup> Carbon offsets are initially proposed to be procured from the following North Carolina counties: Buncombe, Durham, Hyde, Johnston, and Washington. Additional carbon offsets are initially proposed to be procured from Greenville County, South Carolina.

natural gas to have a mechanism to do so.

11. Customers who elect to participate under Rider G will contract for PSNC's purchase of one or more blocks of Green Attributes each month. Each block of Green Attributes is intended to mitigate the carbon impact of 12.5 therms of natural gas usage. The average PSNC residential customer uses approximately 600 therms of natural gas a year, for an average of 50 therms per month. Therefore, the purchase of one block of Green Attributes each month by a residential customer would offset approximately 25% of the carbon impact resulting from their natural gas usage; the purchase of four blocks a month would offset approximately 100% of the carbon impact resulting from their natural gas usage. PSNC notes that its proposal does not limit the number of blocks that a customer may purchase.

12. Customers who elect to participate in Rider G will continue to pay the rates and charges under their applicable Rate Schedule and an additional \$3.00 monthly charge<sup>4</sup> for each block of Green Attributes that the customers elect under the Rider. This proposed charge is shown on the attached Exhibit B Summary of Rates and Charges to the Company's tariff. The \$3.00/block monthly charge will apply to a participating customer's monthly bill regardless of the customer's actual monthly natural gas usage under the applicable Rate Schedule.

13. Included with Rider G is an Appendix describing the accounting, ratemaking and regulatory reporting conditions applicable to the GreenTherm™ Program and agreed upon by the Company and Public Staff. Provisions of this Rider G Appendix

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<sup>4</sup> The \$3.00/block surcharge was calculated by an independent, third-party vendor, Element Markets. Element Markets created a blended portfolio of Green Attributes (90% carbon offsets and 10% RNG attributes) based on market prices and projected administrative costs with the goal of providing an affordable, entry-level price-per-block to customers.

include that (i) the Company record to an interest-bearing deferred account all the revenues and costs related to the GreenTherm™ Program; (ii) no costs associated with the GreenTherm™ Program will be borne by non-participating customers, nor will any direct benefits of the GreenTherm™ Program be realized by nonparticipating customers; (iii) all revenues and costs related to the GreenTherm™ Program will be excluded from the computation of base rates established in PSNC's general rate cases; (iv) the Company and other parties including the Public Staff may, at their discretion, petition the Commission to modify on a prospective basis the GreenTherm™ Program rider rate (i.e., the surcharge per block of Green Attribute) billed to participating customers, and any such proposal by the Company shall be preceded by 15 days advance notice to the Public Staff regarding the filing, and file for adjustments as appropriate; and (v) the Company provide the Commission and Public Staff, by means of monthly and annual reports, specific information pertaining to the operation of the GreenTherm™ Program and the accounting for its costs and revenues.

14. The Company proposes Rider G become effective on or after August 1, 2022.

### CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for all the reasons set forth above, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, respectfully moves the North Carolina Utilities Commission to approve the GreenTherm™ Program and accompanying Rider G proposed herein, and grant any other relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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# **Exhibit A**

## Rider G

Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

Docket No. G-5, Sub 632

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**GREENTHERM™ PROGRAM TRACKER - RIDER G**

The GreenTherm™ Program is a voluntary program that provides Customers receiving service under the Applicable Rate Schedules the option to offset the carbon emissions associated with their natural gas usage through direct funding of the Company's purchase of Green Attributes.

**I. RIDER G APPENDIX**

The Appendix attached hereto is incorporated by reference in this Rider G.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Applicable Rate Schedules" refers to the Company's Rate Schedules encompassing the Customers eligible to participate in the program, which are Rate Schedules 101, 102, 125, 127 and 140.
- (b) "Block" means the Green Attributes intended to fully mitigate the carbon footprint impact of 12.5 Therms of natural gas usage by a Customer. The actual amount of natural gas usage by the Customer during any given month may be more or less than the number of Blocks of Green Attributes for which the Customer has contracted.
- (c) "Carbon Offset" represents the reduction of one metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent generated from U.S.-based projects.
- (d) "Green Attributes" means any credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets, and allowances attributable to RNG and Carbon Offsets.
- (e) "GreenTherm™ Deferred Account" means a deferred account established under this Rider G for the purpose of recording and reporting each month: (a) all program costs; (b) the amount of collections from participating Customers pursuant to this Rider G; and (c) interest on the deferred account balance.
- (f) "Renewable Natural Gas" or "RNG" has the same meaning as the term "Renewable Gas" as defined in Appendix B to the Service Regulations.

**III. AVAILABILITY**

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section IV below, participation in the program is available on a voluntary basis to Customers receiving service under the Applicable Rate Schedules from the Company who contract for one or more Blocks of Green Attributes sourced by the Company from Renewable Natural Gas and Carbon Offsets.

Issued by D. Russell Harris, Vice President and General Manager – Southern Distribution  
Issued on \_\_\_\_\_ Effective August 1, 2022  
Issued under North Carolina Utilities Commission Docket Nos. G-5, Sub 632 and G-5, Sub 634

**IV. ADMINISTRATION**

Funds received from participating Customers will be used to purchase Green Attributes and to cover administrative costs of the program, including but not limited to program marketing, labor costs, and information technology.

**V. PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

- (a) Customers may apply to participate in the program at any time by electing to purchase one or more Blocks each month. There is no limit to the number of Blocks that the Customer may contract for under this Rider G. Unless otherwise authorized by the Company, Customers may change their monthly election once during any consecutive twelve-month period or within 30 days after any adjustment of the surcharge rate under Section VI below.
- (b) Changes to a Customer's election will take effect 30 days after election and will appear on the next bill thereafter.
- (c) Customers are not eligible to participate in the program if, within the most recent twelve-month period, they have: (a) had service terminated for nonpayment of a bill or (b) are 60 days or more past due on payment of any surcharges under this Rider G.

**VI. SURCHARGE**

Customers participating in the program pay a monthly surcharge calculated by multiplying the number of Blocks the Customer has agreed to purchase by the charge per Block set forth in the currently effective Summary of Rates and Charges of the Tariff. The surcharge will be based on the Customer's election and will apply regardless of their actual energy consumption.

The surcharge will be due and payable consistent with the provisions of the Customer's Applicable Rate Schedule, except that a late payment charge will not be assessed for nonpayment of any surcharges under this Rider G and Service will not be discontinued for such nonpayment.

**VII. ADJUSTMENT OF SURCHARGES**

Periodically, the Company may file to adjust the surcharge rate as provided for in the Appendix to this Rider G.

**VIII. CONTRACT PERIOD**

Either the Customer or the Company may terminate the Customer's participation under this Rider G by giving at least 30 days prior written notice of such termination, except that the Company may terminate a Customer's participation under this Rider without prior notice when the Customer is 60 days or more past due on payment of amounts billed pursuant to this Rider G, or upon disconnection of Service to the Customer.

**IX. GREENTHERM™ DEFERRED ACCOUNT**

Company shall maintain a GreenTherm™ Deferred Account as provided for in the Appendix to this Rider G.

**X. INTEREST**

Interest will be applied to the monthly balance of the GreenTherm™ Deferred Account at a net-of-tax rate of 6.57% per annum. This rate shall be reviewed annually.

**Appendix to GreenTherm™ Program – Rider G**  
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**1. Per Book Accounting for GreenTherm™ Program**

- a. Record GreenTherm™ Program revenues and costs above-the-line because GreenTherm™ is a Tariff program. However, the accounts will not be included in cost of service for base rates.
- b. Deferral Accounting Treatment for the GreenTherm™ Program – Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (“PSNC”) shall maintain a GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account for the purpose of recording and reporting each month: (i) the GreenTherm™ Program costs; (ii) the amount of collections from customers pursuant to the GreenTherm™ Program Rider Rates; and (iii) return on the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account. This deferred account will not be included in rate base for cost of service purposes.
- c. The balance in the GreenTherm™ Deferred Account shall accrue interest at a rate equivalent to PSNC’s annual overall net-of-tax rate of return approved in PSNC’s last general rate case, using a mid-month convention.

**2. Ratemaking treatment for GreenTherm™ Program**

- a. No costs for the GreenTherm™ Program are to be borne by non-participating customers, nor are non-participating customers to reap financial benefit from the GreenTherm™ Program.
- b. To ensure no cross-subsidization between participating and nonparticipating customers, all revenues and costs for the GreenTherm™ Program are to be excluded from the calculation of PSNC’s cost of service in any future general rate case proceeding.
- c. PSNC, Public Staff, or other appropriate intervenors, at their individual discretion, may request Commission approval to terminate the GreenTherm™ Program.
  - i. To the extent there is an under-recovered balance in the Deferred Account at the GreenTherm™ Program termination date, that balance shall not be recoverable from either participating or non-participating customers. If PSNC is contemplating or planning to enter into a transition period ending with termination of the GreenTherm™ Program, it will inform the Public Staff of that fact, so that it may be taken into consideration in any proposed rate modification filed pursuant to subsection 2.f below. The appropriateness, reasonableness, and extent of any recovery of transition period under-recovered balance(s) will be subject to the discretion of the Commission, taking into account the contemplated or planned termination date.
  - ii. To the extent there is an over-recovered balance in the Deferred Account at the GreenTherm™ Program termination date, the request for termination shall include a proposal for the disposition of the remaining overcollected balance in the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account at the time of the Program’s termination. Nothing shall restrict the right of PSNC, Public Staff or any intervenor to challenge the reasonableness of any proposal for the disposition of the remaining balance.

- d. PSNC may include in the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account reasonable labor, material, and capital loadings and allocations consistent with the procedures and methodologies used for purposes of determining the cost of service for base rates, as found appropriate by the Commission. If PSNC does not include such items in the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account, that choice will not restrict the right of the Public Staff to recommend the removal of those items from base rate cost of service in PSNC's general rate cases.
- e. With regard to marketing, informational, or other PSNC costs incurred or resources used for the GreenTherm™ Program that are not specifically assigned or otherwise allocated to the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account, including but not limited to the use of call center resources, PSNC and the Public Staff shall work together to propose an appropriate method to allocate costs or otherwise compensate its base rates cost of service. If such items are ultimately not included in the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account, that eventuality will not restrict the right of the Public Staff to recommend the removal of those items from base rate cost of service in PSNC's general rate cases.
- f. PSNC, Public Staff, or other appropriate intervenors, at their individual discretion, may request Commission approval to modify the GreenTherm™ Program rider (the rate per block) billed to participating customers prospectively under the GreenTherm™ Program.
  - i. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between PSNC and the Public Staff, PSNC shall provide the Public Staff at least 15 days advance notice of its intent and justification for such forthcoming rate change request filing. Prior to the first such request, PSNC and the Public Staff will work together to create a template for the filing.
  - ii. Once a rate change request filing is made, the Public Staff will strive to place the request on the Agenda for the Commission's Regular Staff Conference or, alternatively, file comments on the request, within 30 days of the filing.

### 3. **Regulatory Reporting for GreenTherm™ Program**

- a. PSNC shall file with the Commission monthly reports on the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account Activity.
  - i. Such monthly reports will be filed with the Commission by the last day of the second month following the month for which PSNC is reporting.
  - ii. Such monthly report will identify the current month's GreenTherm™ Program costs by type, and all activity recorded for the month in the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account.
- b. Concurrent with PSNC's filing of such monthly reports, PSNC shall provide Public Staff transaction-level detail and support of the current month's GreenTherm™ Program costs.
- c. All revenues and costs for the GreenTherm™ Program are to be separately identified in PSNC's Monthly Financial Report and GS-1 reports, where feasible.
- d. Annually, by the last day of February, PSNC shall file with the Commission a report detailing the performance of the GreenTherm™ Program as of the end of the preceding calendar year. Such annual report shall, at a minimum, include:
  - i. The number of participating customers by month and customer class (residential versus general service customers), and calculation of the monthly revenues for the historic reporting year;

- ii. The number and cost of Green Attributes purchased under the GreenTherm™ Program for each month of the historic reporting year, by type of Green Attribute;
  - iii. Calculation of the monthly interest on the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account balances for each month of the historic reporting year;
  - iv. The projected customer participation level and revenue amount for the 12-month period following the historic reporting year;
  - v. The projected GreenTherm™ Program costs, by type, for the 12-month period following the historic reporting year;
  - vi. Calculation of the expected monthly interest on the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account balances for the 12-month period following the historic reporting year;
  - vii. The projected GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account balance for the 12-month period following the historic reporting year;
  - viii. An explanation of PSNC's plan to relieve or otherwise address the actual and projected GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account balance as of the end of historic reporting year and as of the end of the 12-month period following the historic reporting year, respectively;
  - ix. A listing of the rate per block under the GreenTherm™ Program in effect during each month of the historic reporting year;
  - x. The makeup of the total blocks included in the program (Green Attribute, by type) and the source location of each (PSNC service territory, NC, Southeast U.S., U.S.) for the historic 12-month period and projected for the following 12-month period;
  - xi. The certifications used to verify any Carbon Offsets and the quantities of offsets verified by each for the historic 12-month period and projected for the following 12-month period;
  - xii. An explanation of any projected or otherwise anticipated need by PSNC to modify the rate per block under the GreenTherm™ Program during the 12-month period following the historic reporting year;
  - xiii. As a separate line item, the volume and percentage of the total Green Attributes purchased through the Program that were produced (a) in North Carolina and (b) in other states;
  - xiv. As a separate line item, the volume and percentage of the total Green Attributes purchased through the Greentherm™ Program that are supplied by (a) renewable natural gas and (b) other identified sources.
- e. Within 60 days of PSNC's annual report filing, the Public Staff will file a notice with the Commission regarding the status or completion of the Public Staff's review of the report and the correctness of the GreenTherm™ Program Deferred Account balance as of the end of the historic reporting year.

# **Exhibit B**

## Summary of Rates and Charges

Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

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Summary of Rates and Charges			
<u>RATE SCHEDULE NO. AND DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>CHARGES (a)</u>	
101 -	<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$10.00	per month
	Winter Energy Charge – November through April	\$1.26913	per Therm
	Summer Energy Charge – May through October	\$1.19020	per Therm
102 -	<b>HIGH-EFFICIENCY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$10.00	per month
	Winter Energy Charge – November through April	\$1.16809	per Therm
	Summer Energy Charge – May through October	\$1.08916	per Therm
115 -	<b>UNMETERED LIGHTING SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$10.00	per month
	Winter Energy Charge – November through April	\$1.28239	per Therm
	Summer Energy Charge – May through October	\$1.20346	per Therm
125 -	<b>SMALL GENERAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$17.50	per month
	Energy Charge First 500	\$1.08259	per Therm
	Next 4,500	\$1.02280	per Therm
	All Over 5,000	\$0.96306	per Therm
126 -	<b>SMALL GENERAL SERVICE - COOLING</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$30.00	per month
	Energy Charge	\$0.96389	per Therm
127 -	<b>HIGH-EFFICIENCY SMALL GENERAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$17.50	per month
	Energy Charge First 500	\$1.00544	per Therm
	Next 4,500	\$0.94565	per Therm
	All Over 5,000	\$0.88591	per Therm
135 -	<b>NATURAL GAS VEHICLE FUEL</b>		
	Energy Charge	\$1.46374	per Therm
	Energy Charge	\$1.844	per GGE (b)
140 -	<b>MEDIUM GENERAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$100.00	per month
	Energy Charge First 1,000	\$0.95789	per Therm
	All Over 1,000	\$0.90769	per Therm
145 -	<b>LARGE-QUANTITY GENERAL SERVICE</b>		
	Facilities Charge	\$300.00	per month
	Energy Charge First 15,000	\$0.81847	per Therm
	Next 15,000	\$0.79237	per Therm
	Next 15,000	\$0.76905	per Therm
	Next 15,000	\$0.73858	per Therm
	Next 1,000,000	\$0.71324	per Therm
	All Over 1,060,000	\$0.69498	per Therm

Summary of Rates and Charges		
<u>RATE SCHEDULE NO. AND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CHARGES (a)</u>	
150 - <b>LARGE-QUANTITY INTERRUPTIBLE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE</b>		
Facilities Charge	\$600.00	per month
Energy Charge First 15,000	\$0.74415	per Therm
Next 15,000	\$0.71796	per Therm
Next 70,000	\$0.69181	per Therm
Next 500,000	\$0.66604	per Therm
All Over 600,000	\$0.63990	per Therm
160 - <b>SPECIAL SALES RATE</b>		
Facilities Charge	\$600.00	per month
Energy Charge	See Rate Schedule No. 160	
165 - <b>SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION RATE</b>		
Facilities Charge	\$600.00	per month
Energy Charge	See Rate Schedule No. 165	
175 - <b>FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CUSTOMERS QUALIFYING FOR SERVICE ON RATE SCHEDULE NO. 145</b>		
Facilities Charge	\$300.00	per month
Transportation Charge First 15,000	\$0.17288	per Therm
Next 15,000	\$0.14700	per Therm
Next 15,000	\$0.12387	per Therm
Next 15,000	\$0.09366	per Therm
Next 1,000,000	\$0.06853	per Therm
All Over 1,060,000	\$0.05974	per Therm
180 - <b>INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS QUALIFYING FOR SERVICE ON RATE SCHEDULE NO. 150</b>		
Facilities Charge	\$600.00	per month
Energy Charge First 15,000	\$0.12723	per Therm
Next 15,000	\$0.10125	per Therm
Next 70,000	\$0.07531	per Therm
Next 500,000	\$0.04974	per Therm
All Over 600,000	\$0.02381	per Therm

Summary of Rates and Charges

<u>RIDER AND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CHARGES (a)</u>	
Rider A - <b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Emergency Service	\$20.00 plus cost of gas	per Dekatherm
Unauthorized Gas	\$50.00 plus cost of gas	per Dekatherm
Rider G - <b>GREENTHERM™ PROGRAM SURCHARGE</b>	<del>\$</del> <b>\$3.00</b>	per Block

MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE

<b>LATE PAYMENTS</b>	1% of balance in arrears per month
<b>RETURNED CHECKS AND BANK DRAFTS</b>	\$25.00
<b>RECONNECTION (c)</b>	
Residential – Regular Hours	\$80.00
--After 5 p.m., weekends, holidays	\$120.00
Non-Residential – Regular Hours	\$120.00
--After 5 p.m., weekends, holidays	\$150.00

- (a) Rates shown do not include applicable taxes.
- (b) The rate converts 1.26 Therms to 1 Gasoline Gallon Equivalent (GGE).
- (c) All reconNECTIONS that exceed one hour shall be billed the indicated rates per hour.

## **Attachment 1**

Joint Proposed Order Approving GreenTherm<sup>TM</sup> Program  
and Rider G

Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. and the  
Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission

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BY THE COMMISSION: On April 1, 2021, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (PSNC) filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail natural gas rates and charges, effective May 1, 2021 (Application). As part of the Application, PSNC requested Commission authority to implement the GreenTherm™ Program, a voluntary renewable energy program offering a way for participating customers to purchase attributes of renewable natural gas. PSNC also proposed deferred accounting treatment and the implementation of a Rider G to ensure that GreenTherm™ Program costs are properly accounted for and assigned to participating customers.

On October 15, 2021, PSNC, the Public Staff, Carolina Utilities Customer Association, and Evergreen Packaging, LLC filed a Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation). In Section 29 of the Stipulation, the stipulating parties agreed to provisional approval of PSNC's proposed GreenTherm™ Program, subject to review and approval of the estimated program costs and revenues, sources of Green Attributes and carbon offsets, certification of the program, cost of a block of Green Attributes, and other specifications of the program. The stipulating parties further agreed that PSNC shall be allowed to recover reasonable and prudently incurred costs of the GreenTherm™ Program from participating customers through a Rider G recovery mechanism. Additionally, the stipulating parties agreed that

PSNC would work with the Public Staff to finalize Rider G for purposes of cost recovery, and that PSNC would file such rider with the Commission for final approval.

On January 21, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation, Granting Rate Increase, and Requiring Customer Notice, which approved the Stipulation and granted PSNC provisional approval of the GreenTherm™ Program, subject to review and approval of certain specifications prior to final approval. The Order also concluded that it was reasonable for PSNC to work with the Public Staff to finalize the Rider G and file such rider with the Commission for approval. Additionally, the Order granted PSNC cost recovery approval of reasonable and prudently incurred costs resulting from the GreenTherm™ Program.

On July 13, 2022, PSNC filed a Motion for Final Approval of Greentherm™ Program and Rider G (Motion), which included as exhibits a proposed Rider G and revised Summary of Rates and Charges. PSNC's Motion explained that the GreenTherm™ Program and corresponding Rider G provides qualifying customers with the option to offset the carbon emissions associated with their natural gas usage through voluntary direct funding of PSNC's purchase of Green Attributes. In its Motion, PSNC proposes to purchase Green Attributes sourced from renewable natural gas and from nature-based carbon offsets, including those generated from landfill projects and avoided forest conversion projects. PSNC's Motion also explained that included with Rider G is an Appendix describing the accounting, ratemaking and regulatory reporting conditions applicable to the GreenTherm™ Program that were agreed upon by PSNC and the Public Staff.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its July 25, 2022, Staff Conference. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the proposed Appendix G and recommended approval of the Company's Motion.

Based upon the foregoing, and in the absence of any opposition to the Rider and Program, and recognizing the voluntary nature thereof, the Commission hereby approves implementation of the Greentherm™ Program and the addition of Rider G to PSNC's Service Regulations, subject to each of the matters set forth in the Appendix to PSNC's Rider G filed on July 13, 2022, effective August 1, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That PSNC's request for approval of the proposed Greentherm™ Program, revised Summary of Rates and Charges, and Rider G to PSNC's Service Regulations is granted subject to each of the conditions and requirements set forth in the Rider G Appendix;

2. That PSNC’s annual report shall state as a separate line item the volume and percentage of the total Green Attributes purchased through the Program that were produced (a) in North Carolina and (b) in other states;

3. That PSNC’s annual report shall state as a separate line item the volume and percentage of the total Green Attributes purchased through the Greentherm™ Program that are supplied by (a) renewable natural gas and (b) other identified sources;

4. That, annually and no later than 60 days following PSNC’s filing of the annual report, the Public Staff shall file a letter informing the Commission regarding its review of the monthly reports on the Greentherm™ Program Deferred Account activity and the annual report and recommending whether the Rider should continue as approved herein or be modified; and

5. That PSNC shall file revised tariffs within five days of the date of this Order, implementing the tariff changes approved herein.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Final Approval of GreenTherm™ Program and Rider G, as filed in Docket No. G-5, Subs 632 and 634, was served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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