

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 909
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 909)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	
For an Increase in and Revisions to Its Rates)	
and Charges Applicable to Electric Utility)	
Service in North Carolina)	
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 831)	
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In the Matter of)	ORDER APPROVING
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	RATE SCHEDULES
For Approval of Save-a-Watt Approach,)	
Energy Efficiency Rider and Portfolio of)	
Energy Efficiency Programs)	
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DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 872)	
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In the Matter of)	
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	
Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.8 and Commission)	
Rule R8-67 Relating to Incremental Costs for)	
Compliance with the Renewable Energy and)	
Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On December 7, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Granting General Rate Increase and Approving Amended Stipulation in Docket No. E-7, Sub 909, authorizing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) to adjust its rates and charges as specified in the Order. The Order required Duke to file for Commission approval rate schedules implementing the Order, and it allowed other parties an opportunity to file comments on Duke's proposed rate schedules. The date for these comments on Duke's compliance filing was extended to December 21, 2009.

On December 14, 2009, the Commission issued its Notice of Decision in Docket No. E-7, Sub 831, giving notice that it would thereafter issue an order approving the Settlement Agreement in the docket subject to certain modifications and decisions on

contested issues. The Notice of Decision required Duke to consult with the Public Staff and to file revised save-a-watt tariffs and a proposed customer notice for review and approval by the Commission.

Finally, on December 15, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Approving REPS Riders in Docket No. E-7, Sub 872. That Order approved Duke's proposed REPS riders and required that notice of these rate changes be included in the proposed customer notice to be submitted in Docket No. E-7, Sub 909.

Duke submitted its initial compliance filing on December 14, 2009. On December 15, 2009, Duke filed a rate schedule inadvertently omitted from the initial filing.

On December 18, 2009, the Commercial Group filed Comments on Duke's initial compliance filing. The Commercial Group took issue with the availability provisions of Duke's proposed Schedule OPT-H and asked the Commission to order Duke to re-file this rate schedule to include additional customers.

On December 21, 2009, the Public Staff filed its Comments on Duke's initial compliance filing. The Public Staff listed numerous issues and concerns regarding Duke's filing, but stated that it had discussed these issues and concerns with Duke and that it expected Duke to address these matters in a revised compliance filing.

On December 21, 2009, Duke made a revised compliance filing, which includes rate schedules and a customer notice relating to all three dockets discussed above. Duke stated that certain tariffs had been changed in consultation with the Public Staff and that Schedule OPT-H had been revised to satisfy the objection of the Commercial Group. Duke's revised compliance filing includes a Rider EE pursuant to the Notice of Decision in Docket No. E-7, Sub 831; a REPS Rider pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. E-7, Sub 872; and a customer notice for Docket No. E-7, Subs 909, 831, and 872. On December 22, 2009, Duke filed revisions to four rate schedules in the revised compliance filing to correct mathematical errors.

On December 21, 2009, the City of Durham filed Comments asking the Commission to consider a further investigation as to the Schedule GL filed by Duke to ensure that it complies with the Commission's Order.

On December 22, 2009, the Public Staff filed a letter stating that it has reviewed the revised rate schedules, riders, and regulations, the Rider EE, the REPS Rider, and the Notice to Customers and that, except for an error in Schedule GL, it recommends that they be approved as filed. The Public Staff followed up with a letter on December 23, 2009, correcting an error in the customer notice filed by Duke.

On December 23, 2009, Duke filed a Response to the comments of the City of Durham addressing the arguments made therein and urging the Commission to approve its revised compliance filing. Duke also filed a new Schedule GL correcting an error pointed out by the Public Staff. The error that the Public Staff found in Schedule GL

relates only to the list of counties in the former Nantahala territory as set forth in the rate schedule.

Finally, counsel for the Commercial Group orally advised Commission Staff on December 23, 2009, that the Commercial Group is satisfied with the revised availability language of Schedule OPT-H as set forth in Duke's revised compliance filing.

On December 23, 2009, the Chairman issued an Order Approving Customer Notice.

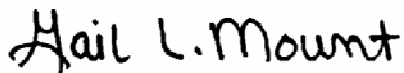
Based on a careful review of the rate schedules filed by Duke and the comments filed with respect thereto, the Chairman concludes that the final versions of the proposed tariffs filed by Duke are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Commission's Orders in these dockets. For that reason, Duke's proposed rate schedules are hereby approved for service rendered on and after January 1, 2010.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of December, 2009.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail L. Mount". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gail L. Mount, Deputy Clerk