



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

January 10, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. E-34, Sub 54  
New River Light and Power Company  
Application to Adjust Retail Base Rates

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Attached for filing is the Proposed Order of the Public Staff in the above-referenced docket. The Public Staff has contacted counsel for New River Light and Power Company and is authorized to represent that New River Light and Power Company does not object to this Proposed Order.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record by electronic delivery.

Sincerely,  
Electronically submitted  
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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	)	PROPOSED ORDER
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company for	)	ESTABLISHING GENERAL
Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable	)	RATE CASE AND SUSPENDING
to Electric Service in North Carolina	)	RATES

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk