

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 644

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Virginia Electric and Power	)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North	)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric	) ORDER REQUIRING SECOND
Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel	) PUBLIC NOTICE
Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.2	)
and NCUC Rule R8-55	)

BY THE CHAIR: On August 9, 2022, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Applicant), filed its application and testimony in the above-captioned docket requesting a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the underrecovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.38 — an increase of 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Among other things, the Scheduling Order set the public hearing to be held, beginning immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Scheduling Order also required the Company to publish notice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.

On October 17, 2022, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period to include the Company's deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2022, which, if approved by the Commission, would result in an additional increase in DENC's proposed monthly fuel rates and fuel charges higher than the charges noticed in the original Public Notice. As revised, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the

monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$25.91 – an increase of approximately 23%. As revised, the net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$12.95 – an increase of approximately 12%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's revised Full Recovery request.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair concludes that good cause exists to require DENC to publish a Second Public Notice, attached hereto as Appendix A, providing notice of the additional testimony and exhibits and the resulting change in DENC's proposed fuel rates.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That DENC shall publish the Second Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area on two dates at least 10 days prior to the hearing, with the publications preferably being several days apart, the first publication of which shall occur as soon as reasonably practical; and
2. That DENC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

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Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel	)	
Factor Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 62-133.2	)	
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin immediately following the hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 643, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its application for approval of its fuel and fuel-related cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55. By its application, DENC requests a change in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023. Due to the significance of the underrecovery of its fuel costs during the Test Period and recognizing the impact of such a proposed increase in fuel rates upon customers during the Rate Year, DENC proposes two rate adjustments for the Commission's consideration: a Full Recovery rate and a Stepped Mitigation rate. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Full Recovery request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$18.76 — an increase of 17%. As filed, the net effect of DENC's Stepped Mitigation request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$9.38 — an increase of 8%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed for DENC's Full Recovery request.

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DENC's supplemental update to the Full Recovery request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 2.5909 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 2.5870 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 2.5699 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 2.4909 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 2.5266 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 2.5909 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$25.91 – an increase of approximately 23%.

DENC's supplemental update to the Stepped Mitigation request, if approved and inclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers for the period of February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023: 1.2955 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential customers; 1.2935 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 1.2850 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 1.2455 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; 1.2633 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers; and 1.2955 cents per kWh for outdoor lighting and traffic customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity during this period by \$12.95 – an increase of approximately 12%. The Stepped Mitigation approach would then increase to the same per kWh rates for the period of August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, as those listed above for DENC's revised Full Recovery request. In its next fuel proceeding (which will be filed next year) the Company intends to propose rates to recover the balance resulting from the use of the Stepped Mitigation approach.

Also on October 17, 2022, DENC filed supplemental testimony and exhibits in support of the same.

Further information is available to the public by reviewing DENC's application on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of

the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-22, Sub 644. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. Persons may also email the Commission a statement about the application via the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.net/contactus.html](http://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html). In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 644, and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

This the 19th day of October, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk