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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Martha Lynn Jarvis
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

***RE: Docket No. E-34, Sub 46
New River Light & Power Company
Affidavit of Publication of Notice***

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Pursuant to the Order entered by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in the captioned Docket on August 28, 2017, there is enclosed for filing the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Application of Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light & Power Company, for Authority to Increase Rates for Electric Service in its Service Area of Watauga County, North Carolina.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Colo
Attorney At Law

MSC/dwe

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and that a copy has been served this day upon the following party by electronic mail as follows:

Elizabeth Culpepper, Esq.
Public Staff
North Carolina Utilities
Commission
430 N. Salisbury Street
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4326
elizabeth.culpepper@psncuc.nc.gov

This the 24th day of October, 2017.

s/ Michael S. Colo
Michael S. Colo

MOUNTAIN TIMES

PUBLICATIONS
P.O. BOX 1815
BOONE NC 28607
(828) 264-6397

Fax(828) 262-0282

Advertising Memo Bill

1 Memo Bill Period 10/2017		2 Advertiser/Client Name POYNER SPRUILL LLP	
23 Total Amount Due 5624.64	*Unapplied Amount	3 Terms of Payment	
21 Current Net Amount Due .00	22 30 Days .00	60 Days .00	Over 90 Days .00
4 Page Number 1	5 Memo Bill Date 10/23/17	6 Billed Account Number 265112	7 Advertiser/Client Number 265112

8 Billed Account Name and Address POYNER SPRUILL LLP 301 FAYETTEVILLE STREET, SUITE RALEIGH NC 27601		Amount Paid: Comments: Ad #: 1891037
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Please Return Upper Portion With Payment

10 Date	11 Newspaper Reference	12/13/14 Description-Other Comments/Charges	15 SAU Size 16 Billed Units	17 Times Run 18 Rate	19 Gross Amount	20 Net Amount
09/10/17	1891037 LG1	E-24 SUB 46 09/10,17 HCWD	6X 15.50 93.00	2 30.24	5624.64	5624.64
Salesperson:						

AFFIDAVIT
ATTACHED

Statement of Account - Aging of Past Due Amounts

21 Current Net Amount Due	22 30 Days	60 Days	Over 90 Days	*Unapplied Amount	23 Total Amount Due
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		5624.64

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* UNAPPLIED AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED IN TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

24 Invoice	25 Advertiser Information			
	3 Billing Period	6 Billed Account Number	7 Advertiser/Client Number	2 Advertiser/Client Name
1891037	10/2017	265112	265112	POYNER SPRUILL LLP

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA-WATAUGA COUNTY

Acct. Name:

POYNER SPRUILL LLP

Acct. # 265112

COST OF PUBLICATION

Total \$5624.64

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by the law to administer oaths, personally appeared:

SUSAN BRACKIN

Who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he (she) is
REPRESENTATIVE

of a newspaper known as THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT, published and entered as second class mail in City of Boone, in said County and State; that he (she) is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice of other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT the following dates :

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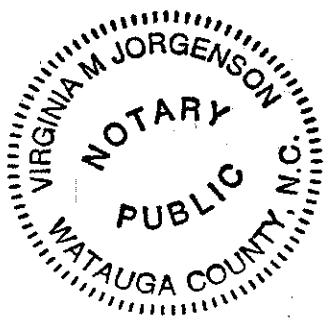
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and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section I-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section I-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This 23rd day of October, 2017

Susan Brackin



Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
23rd day of October, 2017

Virginia M. Jorgenson
Notary Public Virginia M. Jorgenson

My Commission Expires: Nov 20, 2021

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 46
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is given that Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP) has filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to increase rates for electric service in its service area in Watauga County, North Carolina, as follows:

	Existing	Proposed
Monthly Residential Rates (Schedule R):		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$ 6.29	\$12.58
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	\$ 0.072616	\$ 0.095567
PPA estimated component, per kWh	\$ 0.014419	N/A ¹

Monthly Commercial Rates - Demands Less than 30 kW (Schedule G):		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$ 8.71	\$17.42
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	\$ 0.06788	\$ 0.084381
PPA estimated component, per kWh	\$ 0.014419	N/A ¹

Monthly Large Commercial Rates - Demands Greater than 30 kW (Schedule GL):		
Basic Facilities Charge	\$11.61	\$23.22
Demand Charge, per kW	\$ 8.27	\$ 8.27
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	\$ 0.033027	\$ 0.058593
PPA estimated component, per kWh	\$ 0.014419	N/A ¹

1 For purposes of the application, recovery of total purchased power cost is accomplished through the base per kWh energy charge rates; therefore no "PPA estimated component" is included in the proposed rates.

Monthly High Load Factor Commercial Rates - Demands Greater than 30 kW and Load Factor Greater than 65% (Schedule GLH):

Basic Facilities Charge	N/A ²	\$23.22
Demand Charge, per kW	N/A ²	\$10.00
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	N/A ²	\$ 0.051144
PPA estimated component, per kWh	N/A ²	N/A ¹

Monthly Industrial Rates (Schedule IL):

Basic Facilities Charge	\$14.52	N/A ²
Demand Charge, per kW	\$11.13	N/A ²
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	\$ 0.035693	N/A ²
PPA estimated component, per kWh	\$ 0.014419	N/A ²

Monthly ASU Campus Rates (Schedule AL):

Basic Facilities Charge	\$11.61	N/A ⁴
Distribution Facilities Charge, per kW	N/A ³	\$ 9.89
Demand Charge, per kW	N/A ⁵	\$ 8.75
Energy Charge		
Base Energy, per kWh	\$ 0.06504	\$ 0.040661
PPA estimated component, per kWh	\$ 0.014419	N/A ¹

Monthly Outdoor Lighting Rates (Schedule OLL):

175 Watt MV	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.95
400 Watt MV	\$16.40	\$16.40
150 Watt SV	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.60
250 Watt SV	\$12.50	\$12.50
400 Watt SV	\$18.88	\$18.88
250 Watt MH	\$14.81	\$14.81
100 Watt SV TOB	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81
150 Watt SV TOB	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.24
175 Watt MV TOB	\$ 4.95	\$ 4.95
250 Watt SV TOB	\$ 7.06	\$ 7.06
400 Watt MV TOB	\$11.29	\$11.29
400 Watt SV TOB	\$11.29	\$11.29
750 Watt SV TOB	\$21.18	\$21.18

2 NRLP is proposing a new rate for large commercial customers with load factors at or above 65%.

3 Per the first and second amendments to the application, NRLP is proposing to close Schedule I.

4 Not included in proposed Schedule A.

5 Not currently included in Schedule A.

LED Lighting Rates (Schedule LEDL):

Monthly Unmetered Light Cost		
100 Watt Yard Light	N/A ⁶	\$ 5.39
150 Watt Flood Light	N/A ⁶	\$10.29
265 Watt Flood Light	N/A ⁶	\$15.64
162 Watt Cobra Head	N/A ⁶	\$10.72

Monthly Metered Light Cost		
100 Watt Yard Light	N/A ⁶	\$ 3.39
150 Watt Flood Light	N/A ⁶	\$ 7.31
265 Watt Flood Light	N/A ⁶	\$10.39
162 Watt Cobra Head	N/A ⁶	\$ 7.53

Monthly New Pole Cost		
30' Wood Pole	N/A ⁶	\$ 3.56
Decorative Fiberglass Pole	N/A ⁶	\$ 7.12

Fee Schedule (Schedule MS):

New Service	\$ 3.00	\$11.50
Temporary Commercial Service	\$15.00	\$15.00
Business Hours Reconnection	\$25.00	\$25.00
Non-Business Hours Reconnection	\$60.00	\$60.00
Returned Check Charge	\$20.00	\$21.00

6 NRLP is proposing a new LED lighting rate schedule for all new installations and will close the existing Outdoor Lighting rate schedule to new installs.

Customers are also currently paying a purchased power adjustment factor of \$0.014979 per kWh, which includes a purchased power experience modification factor of \$0.00056 per kWh, as granted by the Commission on January 17, 2017, in Docket No. E-34, Sub 45. The rates set forth above exclude the \$0.00056 per kWh experience modification factor, as it is not affected by the proposed change in rates.

NRLP's application also includes several changes to its rate schedules. NRLP proposes to close its industrial Schedule I, and offer a new outdoor lighting schedule for light emitting diode fixtures (Schedule LEDL). Schedule I would effectively be replaced by new rate Schedule GLH. NRLP also proposes to shift Schedule A from a rate based only on energy consumption, to one with separate demand and energy components.

NRLP's application also proposes a new late fee of \$5.00 and a new delinquent fee of \$15.00.

In addition, NRLP proposes a new Coal Ash Cost Recovery Rider, which is designed to recover the costs of any coal ash charges passed on to NRLP from its wholesale supplier Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (BREMCO). The rider provides for a monthly charge or credit based on the prior month's coal ash charges billed by BREMCO to NRLP.

The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in the original application and may order increases or decreases in the schedules that differ from those proposed by NRLP. However, any rate structure considered will not generate more overall revenues than requested.

EFFECT OF RATES:

The average monthly residential bill for 1,000 kWh usage would increase from \$93.33 to \$108.15 or 15.9% after adjusting for purchased power charges.

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

The Commission has scheduled the application for public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, in the Watauga County Courthouse, 842 West King Street, Boone, North Carolina 28607. The purpose of this initial portion of the hearing shall be for the receiving of non-expert public witness testimony only.

The hearing shall resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for NRLP, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

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 writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and these statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Written statements can also be faxed to (919) 733-4744 or e-mailed to scott.sailor@ncuc.nc.gov.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting the statements appear at the public hearing in Boone and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to present testimony concerning their opinion on this application, or on any service problems they may be experiencing, may appear at the public hearing in Boone and give such testimony.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should be filed with the Commission on or before Friday, December 15, 2017. Motions, testimony and exhibits should be filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Persons desiring to send non-evidentiary written statements to the Commission may send them to the same address, specifying that the statement concerns Docket No. E-34, Sub 46.

The details of the proposed new rates have been filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. A copy of the application and all filings in this matter are available for review by the public at the Office of the Chief Clerk, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603. Information regarding this proceeding can also be accessed from the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net under the docket number of this proceeding.

This the 28th day of August, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk