

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
APRIL 29, 2019**

COMMISSION STAFF

NO AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC STAFF

B. NATURAL GAS

- P1. DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 605 - APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY INCREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ITS ALL CUSTOMERS DEFERRED ACCOUNT UNDER RIDER D TO ITS TARIFF

EXPLANATION: On April 17, 2019, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or Company), filed an application (Application) pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4 and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(5)(d), seeking authority to implement temporary rate increments applicable to its All Customers Deferred Account, effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2019. Rider D of the Company's tariff requires PSNC to file a revision to its tariff for Commission approval to implement temporary decrements or increments to current rates in order to refund or collect balances in its cost of gas deferred accounts.

Pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. RP18-1126, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC implemented revised tariffs effective March 1, 2019. Because of these increased rates, PSNC's annual fixed gas costs will increase by approximately \$14.5 million. Accordingly, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 604, PSNC requested and the Commission approved discontinuance of the temporary decrements applicable to the All Customers Deferred Account.

PSNC states that although the balance in the All Customers Deferred Account as of March 31, 2019, is an over-collection of \$3,040,186, it is projected to be an under-collection at the end of May. Without implementation of the proposed increments, PSNC projects that the balance would remain an under-collection through the end of March 2020. Therefore, PSNC proposes to implement temporary rate increments described in detail in Schedule A and Schedule B of its Application to address this anticipated under-collection.

The Public Staff has reviewed these proposed rate adjustments and recommends approval as filed.

EXHIBIT: A copy of the proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-1.

RECOMMENDATION: (Naba) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving PSNC's proposed temporary rate changes as filed.

D. ELECTRIC

- P1. DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 562 – APPLICATION OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY NORTH CAROLINA, FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE TO ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

EXPLANATION: On March 29, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates for retail electric service in North Carolina effective on May 1, 2019.

The Public Staff recommends that an order be issued establishing a general rate case and suspending rates.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-2.

RECOMMENDATION: (Floyd/Fennell/Johnson) That the Commission issue the proposed order establishing a general rate case and suspending rates.

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DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 605

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Public Service Company of)
North Carolina, Inc., for Approval of)
Temporary Increments Applicable to its All)
Customers' Deferred Account Under Rider D)
to its Tariff)

ORDER ALLOWING RATE
CHANGES EFFECTIVE
MAY 1, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 17, 2019, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or Company), filed an application (Application) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4 and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(5)(d), seeking authority to implement temporary rate increments applicable to its All Customers Deferred Account, effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2019. Rider D of the Company's tariff requires PSNC to file a revision to its tariff for Commission approval to implement temporary decrements or increments to current rates in order to refund or collect balances in its cost of gas deferred accounts.

Pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. RP18-1126, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, implemented revised tariffs effective March 1, 2019. Because of these increased rates, PSNC's annual fixed gas costs will increase approximately \$14.5 million. Accordingly, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 604, PSNC requested and the Commission approved discontinuance of the temporary decrements applicable to the All Customers Deferred Account.

PSNC stated that although the balance in the All Customers Deferred Account as of March 31, 2019, is an over-collection of \$3,040,186, it is projected to be an under-collection at the end of May. Without implementation of the proposed increments, PSNC projects that the balance would remain an under-collection through the end of March 2020. Therefore, PSNC proposed to implement temporary rate increments described in detail in Schedule A and Schedule B of its Application in order to address this anticipated under-collection.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its April 29, 2019, Staff Conference. The Public Staff stated it had reviewed the proposed rate adjustments and recommended approval as filed.

The Commission, based on its review of the application and the recommendation of the Public Staff, finds good cause to approve the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That PSNC is authorized to implement the temporary rate increments applicable to its All Customers' Deferred Account detailed in Schedule A and Schedule B of its Application, effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2019.
2. That PSNC shall file revised tariffs consistent with Ordering Paragraph No. 1 within five (5) days of the date of this Order.
3. That PSNC shall give notice to its customers of the temporary rate changes authorized by this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of April, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk

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DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 562

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Electric Service in North Carolina)	PROPOSED ORDER DECLARING GENERAL RATE CASE AND SUSPENDING RATES

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 29, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates for retail electric service in North Carolina effective on May 1, 2019.

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. Gen. Stat. § 62-134.
3. That the test year period is established as the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2018.
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 _____, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

M. Lynn Jarvis, Chief Clerk