

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 562
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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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 Utility)
Service in North Carolina)
DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 566)

ORDER APPROVING
FINANCIAL UNDERTAKING

In the Matter of)
Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company,)
d/b/a Dominion Energy Carolina for an Accounting)
Order to Defer Certain Capital and Operating)
Costs Associated with Greensville County)
Combined Cycle Addition)

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 29, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. E-22, Sub 562 requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for retail electric service in North Carolina effective on May 1, 2019. DENC also stated its intent to implement the rate increase on November 1, 2019, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135, which authorizes public utilities to place new rates into effect, on a temporary basis and subject to refund with interest, seven months after filing an application for a rate change.

On October 11, 2019, DENC filed a Motion for Approval of Undertaking Required By N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135(c) to Implement Temporary Rates, Subject to Refund. In summary, DENC requests that the Commission take action as it deems necessary to enable DENC to implement temporary base rates and its proposed fuel charge decrement Rider A1 and Rider EDIT on November 1, 2019. The financial undertaking, filed as Attachment A to the motion, obligates DENC to refund to its customers any amount of temporary rates that may be finally determined by the Commission to be excessive, plus 10% interest per annum. It also obligates DENC to make refunds in a manner consistent with any terms and conditions imposed by the Commission. DENC requests approval of

its proposed financial undertaking on or before October 18, 2019, in order for DNCP to make the necessary changes to its billing system to implement the new rates and charges on November 1, 2019.

DENC's motion further states that on September 17, 2019, the Company filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement on behalf of itself and the Public Staff, which if approved by the Commission would result in an adjusted base non-fuel revenue increase of \$8,583,000 and a decrease in base fuel revenues of approximately \$2,155,000. DENC further outlines that the proposed Rider EDIT will result in a revenue increase of \$649,000 and the proposed Rider A1 will result in a decrease in revenue of approximately \$16 million. DENC states that the overall change in revenue is a decrease of approximately \$8.8 million from the rates currently in effect.

On October 11, 2019, DENC also filed a separate Motion for Approval of Notice Required to Implement Temporary Rates Effective on November 1, 2019, which DENC intends to publish upon approval of the Public Notice by the Commission.

Based on the record in this docket and DENC's motion and financial undertaking, the Commission finds good cause to approve DENC's financial undertaking.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the financial undertaking filed by DENC on October 11, 2019, shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That DENC shall be, and is hereby, obligated to refund to its customers any amount of temporary rates made effective on or after November 1, 2019, that are finally determined by the Commission to be excessive, plus 10% interest per annum, and to make any refunds in a manner consistent with any additional terms and conditions imposed by the Commission in subsequent orders.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of October, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Handwritten signature of Kimberley A. Campbell in black ink.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk