STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric Utilities

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRING AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE

BY THE CHAIR: On September 14, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, And Requiring Public Notice (Scheduling Order). Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order required Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Company) to publish the notice attached to the Order in a newspaper having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing. The Scheduling Order also scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The Scheduling Order specified that members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020.

On October 23, 2020, the Company filed a Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirements requesting the Commission waive the notice requirements of Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order, extend the time for individuals to register to speak at the hearing until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, and leave the record open in this proceeding for 35 days from the hearing to allow for public comment. In support of its petition, DENC states that it discovered errors in the testimony of Company witness Beasley that resulted in the overall reduction in the fuel recovery being understated in the first notice. This error results in a change in the proposed fuel rider amount for each customer class.

DENC had previously provided the notice as required in Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order. The Company proposes to re-notice the amended fuel rates by class. Due to the current hearing date of November 17, 2020, the Company would not have sufficient time to time to comply with the requirement of publishing notice at least 35 days prior to the hearing. The Company states in its petition that if the waiver is granted by October 28, 2020, the notice will be published for two weeks prior to the hearing. In addition, the Company proposes allowing members of the public additional time to register to speak at the hearing, and keeping the record of the proceeding open for 35

days after the hearing date to allow customers to submit written comments on the proposed rates.

The Company states in its petition that the Public Staff does not oppose the petition.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chair finds good cause to grant the petition waiving the notice requirements of Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order for the amended notice and providing members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing additional time to register with the Public Staff. In addition, the Commission will keep the record in this docket open from 35 days from date of the publication of the amended notice to allow customers to submit written comments on the proposed rates.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the notice requirements of Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Scheduling Order are waived for the purpose of re-noticing the amended fuel rates;

2. That DENC shall publish the Amended Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks;

3. That DENC shall file affidavits of publication of the Amended Notice; and

4. That members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing scheduled for the purpose of considering the annual fuel charge adjustment proceeding for DENC must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff. The hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing shall be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify may contact the Public Staff via email at DENCPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, contacting the Public Staff November 13. 2020. bv via email at DENCPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 590), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearings.

DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.7 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.389 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.387 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.384 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.372 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.378 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.89.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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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.

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of October, 2020.

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