

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

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 SCHEDULING HEARING,) REQUIRING FILING OF TESTIMONY,) ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY) GUIDELINES, AND REQUIRING) PUBLIC NOTICE)

BY THE COMMISSION: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2, the Commission is required to conduct annual fuel charge adjustment proceedings for electric utilities engaged in the generation or production of electricity by fossil or nuclear fuels. Commission Rule R8-55 provides that the fuel charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Applicant), will be held the third Tuesday of November each year and that DENC shall file its direct testimony and exhibits and shall publish notice prior to the hearing.

On August 11, 2020, DENC filed an application in the above-captioned proceeding. The Commission is of the opinion that good cause exists to schedule a hearing on the application.

The guidelines regarding discovery in this docket, subject to modification for good cause shown, are as follows:

1. Any deposition which a party desires to take shall be taken before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. Notice of deposition shall be served on all parties at least seven days prior to the taking of the deposition. Notice of deposition and all other discovery notices, requests and motions shall be served on the appropriate parties by hand delivery or facsimile, or by electronic delivery if the receiving party has agreed to receipt by electronic delivery.

2. Any motion for subpoena of a witness to appear at the evidentiary hearing shall be filed with the Commission before the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony, shall be served by hand delivery or facsimile to the person sought to be subpoenaed at or before the time of filing with the Commission, and shall make a reasonable showing that the evidence of such person will be material and relevant to an issue in the proceeding. See N.C.G.S. § 62-62. Unless an objection is filed, the Chief Clerk shall issue the requested subpoena 24 hours after such motion is filed.

3. Formal discovery requests related to the application and the Applicant's prefiled direct testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than fourteen days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony. The party served shall have up to ten calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than ten days prior to the deadline for filing of Public Staff and intervenor testimony.

4. Formal discovery requests of the Public Staff or intervenors shall be served not later than three days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to three calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than five days after that party's testimony was filed.

5. Formal discovery requests related to the Applicant's prefiled rebuttal testimony shall be served on the Applicant not later than two days after such testimony is filed. The party served shall have up to two calendar days to file with the Commission objections to the discovery requests on an item-by-item basis, but in no event shall objections be filed later than three days after the rebuttal testimony was filed. Discovery related to rebuttal testimony shall be limited to new material introduced in such rebuttal testimony and will be carefully scrutinized upon objection that such discovery should have been sought during the initial period of discovery from the Applicant.

6. Discovery requests need not be filed with the Commission when served; however, any party filing objections shall attach a copy of the relevant discovery request to the objections. Each discovery request, or part thereof, to which no objection is filed shall be answered by the time objections are due, subject to other agreement of the affected parties or other order of the Commission. Upon the filing of objections, the party seeking discovery shall have two days to file a motion to compel with the Commission, and the party objecting to discovery shall have one day thereafter to file a response. All objections, motions to compel, and responses shall be served on the other affected party at or before the time of filing with the Commission.

7. A party shall not be granted an extension of time to pursue discovery because of that party's late intervention or other delay in initiating discovery.

The Commission recognizes that in the past most discovery has been conducted in an informal manner without the need for Commission involvement or enforcement, and that such has been generally successful. The above guidelines are without prejudice to the parties conducting informal discovery or exchanging information by agreement at any time with the understanding that such will not be enforceable by the Commission if outside the guidelines.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public hearing shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for the purpose of considering the annual fuel charge adjustment proceeding for DENC. 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 during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff 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 Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

2. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest on or before Monday, October 26, 2020;

3. That the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors shall be filed on or before Monday, October 26, 2020;

4. That DENC may file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before Wednesday, November 4, 2020;

5. That DENC shall publish the 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 beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing;

6. That DENC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing;

7. That the parties shall comply with the discovery guidelines established herein; and

8. That the parties shall comply with the following guidelines:

(1) On or before Monday, October 26, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;

(2) On or before Monday, October 26, 2020, all parties shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons that will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Chief Clerk's Office at: ncucwebex@ncuc.net;

(3) On or before Tuesday, November 10, 2020, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(4) On or before Friday, November 13, 2020, DENC shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits, and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission;

(5) Within ten days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and

(6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and) PUBLIC NOTICE
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)

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 Monday, November 9, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff 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.

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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 \$15.4 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: 0.395 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.394 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.390 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.355 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.407 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 \$3.95.

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 on the Commission's website at 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.

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.

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