

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 711

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 Approval of Demand-Side) PUBLIC NOTICE
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost)
Recovery Rate Pursuant to N.C.G.S.)
§ 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8 69)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from public and expert witnesses on the annual DSM/EE adjustment charge proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, along with DENC's other 2024 rider proceedings, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

North Carolina General Statutes § 62-133.9(d) authorizes the Commission to approve an annual rider to the rates of electric public utilities to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for the adoption and implementation of new demand-side management and energy efficiency (collectively DSM/EE) measures (DSM/EE Programs), including, but not limited to, all capital costs, administrative costs, implementation costs, incentive payments to program participants, and operating costs. Commission Rule R8-69 schedules an annual proceeding to establish the DSM/EE rider for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The Commission is also authorized, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62.133.9(d)(2), to approve incentives to utilities for the adoption and implementation of new DSM/EE Programs.

On August 13, 2024, DENC filed its application in the above-captioned docket (Application), along with the direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses Michael T. Hubbard, Rachel L. Hagerman, Jarvis E. Bates, Elizabeth B. Lecky, Emilia L. Catron, and Eleanor K. Keeton. By its application and based on a test period beginning on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023,² DENC requests changes in its DSM/EE rider charges effective

² Commission Rule R8-69(a)(5) requires that DENC use the same test period as its test period for the purposes of Rule R8-55, which is the 12-month period ending June 30, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. On March 22, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Approving Revised Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery and Incentive Mechanism, *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69*, No. E-22, Sub 464 (N.C.U.C. Mar. 22, 2022). The approved mechanism, effective January 1, 2023, states in pertinent part that “[t]he test period used in the development of the DSM/EE EMF Rider will be the lagging calendar year preceding the year in which the case is filed (e.g., for the 2024 proceeding, January 1 through December 31, 2023).” *Id.*, App. A, ¶ 28.

February 1, 2025. If DENC's proposed rates are approved by the Commission, an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will see a 0.20% increase; an average small general service customer using 12,500 kWh per month and 50 kW of demand will see a 0.12% decrease; and a large general service primary voltage customer taking service under Rate Schedule 6P using 576,000 kWh (259,200 kWh on-peak and 316,800 kWh off-peak) per month and 1,000 kW of demand will see a 0.37% decrease.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application and testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

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 Mr. 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 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 October 29, 2024. 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 October 29, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of September, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk