

REMOTE METER READING AND USAGE DATA SERVICE (NC)

AVAILABILITY (North Carolina only)

Remote meter reading and usage data service are available for establishments receiving service on a Duke Energy Carolinas retail rate schedule. This service is available for purposes including, but not limited to summary billing, customer selected meter reading dates, inaccessible meters, and customer requested usage data.

RATE

- A. Remote Meter Reading
  - \$ 25.00 per meter per month
  - \$ 20.00 per communication line per month

The Company will provide a metering device that will allow remote meter reading. When used for billing purposes, such meters will be read each month at intervals of approximately thirty (30) days. For customers served under this program prior to March 17, 2009 who provide a dedicated telephone line, the communication line charge above will not apply until such time as a meter change is required. When the meter is changed, the Company will provide the communication line at the rate set forth above and the customer may discontinue the dedicated telephone line.

- B. Remote Meter Reading and Usage Data Services

The Company will provide a communication line and metering device that will allow remote meter reading, and will provide usage data to the Customer, using internet based technology, or other methods as available and utilized at the Company's discretion, under one of the following options based on frequency of the data provided.

- 1. Monthly Data
  - \$45.00 per meter per month for the meter and communication line, plus
  - \$ 5.00 per month per meter for data
- 2. Next Business Day Data
  - \$45.00 per meter per month for the meter and communication line, plus
  - \$10.00 per month per meter for data
- 3. Remote Meter Reading and Usage Data Service - Real-Time Data

Monthly Service Payment = Levelized Capital Cost + Expenses

Where:

Levelized Capital Cost is equal to the present value of all estimated capital related cash flows for a period corresponding to the depreciable life of the equipment, adjusted to a pre-tax amount and converted to a uniform monthly payment. The estimated capital cash flows shall include installed cost of equipment, salvage value, contingency allowances, property taxes, adjustment to reflect supporting investment of general plant nature, and income tax impacts.

Expenses shall equal the present value of estimated expenses associated with the support and maintenance of the equipment, adjusted to a pre-tax amount and converted to a uniform monthly payment for a period corresponding to the depreciable life of the equipment. The estimated expenses shall include administrative and general expenses, expenses for labor and materials related to operations and maintenance, third party expenses for operations and maintenance, warranties, insurance, annual costs associated with energy information storage and retrieval, other costs related to the operation and support of the equipment installation and income tax impacts.

The after-tax cost of capital from the Company's most recent general rate case will be used to convert present values to uniform monthly payments.

Charges for remote metering and a communication line will not apply under this program when the Company, at its own option, has determined that remote metering facilities are necessary for the Company's own use. These charges, as well as charges for data if applicable, will not apply under this program when provided under another rate schedule or rider.

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PAYMENT

Bills for this service are due and payable on the date of the bill at the office of the Company. Bills are past due and delinquent on the fifteenth day after the date of the bill. If any bill is not so paid, the Company has the right to suspend service. In addition, all bills not paid by the twenty-fifth day after the date of the bill shall be subject to a one percent (1%) late payment charge on the unpaid amount. This late payment charge shall be rendered on the following month's bill and it shall become part of and be due and payable with the bill on which it is rendered.

CONTRACT

The original term of this contract shall be three (3) years, however, the Company may offer or require an agreement under Option B. 3. with an original term of up to ten (10) years, and all contracts under this program shall continue thereafter from year to year upon the condition that either party can terminate the contract at the end of the original term, or at any time thereafter, by giving at least thirty (30) days previous notice of such termination in writing. In the event of early termination of a contract under this program, the Customer will be required to pay the Company a termination charge which shall be the net present value of monthly charge, less the monthly ongoing costs for the communications, for the remainder of the term of contract. However, if any successor customer has requested service at the premises under this program prior to the effective date of the termination, the termination charge will be waived or reduced based on the contract term of the successor customer.