

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

DOCKET NO. 2009-226-E

**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC – Application for Authority to Adjust and Increase the Company’s Electric Rates and Charges**

On July 27, 2009, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Duke Energy Carolinas” or the “Company”) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates, charges, and tariffs, and to approve the proposed mechanism to compensate the Company for the energy efficiency programs approved in Order No. 2009-336. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-820 and 58-27-870 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 and 103-823 (Supp. 2008).

Duke Energy Carolinas states in its Application that it has continued to make significant investments in its infrastructure to meet growth in its service territory, to maintain and improve the reliability of its system, and to meet increasingly stringent environmental controls on air emissions. From 1991 through 2008, Duke Energy Carolinas has invested approximately \$12 billion in gross electric plant in service and projects that this amount will grow to \$14 billion by September 30, 2009. These investments include (i) new combustion turbine facilities at the Lincoln site in Stanley, North Carolina, the Mill Creek site in Blacksburg, South Carolina, and the Rockingham site in Rockingham County, North Carolina, (ii) replacement of the combustion turbines at the Lee Station in Anderson County, South Carolina, (iii) the purchase of an additional ownership interest in the Catawba Nuclear Station from Saluda River Cooperative, Inc., (iv) the addition of flue gas desulfurization equipment at the Allen Steam Station, (v) CWIP related to the Cliffside Modernization Project, and (vi) upgrades to the Company’s transmission and distribution system and existing generation fleet for reliability, environmental and other regulatory compliance and relicensing purposes. The Application states that Duke Energy Carolinas’ current rates are not providing sufficient revenues for the Company to meet its day-to-day operating expenses and also provide its investors with reasonable returns on their investments of needed capital.

Duke Energy Carolinas requests that the proposed increases be effective on or after January 27, 2010. The overall increase to rates by customer class, according to the Application, is as follows: the proposed increase to the residential class is 12.8%; general service class is 7.0%; industrial class is 5.2%; and the outdoor lighting class is 14.2%.

A copy of the Company’s complete Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and tariffs may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and

is available from Catherine E. Heigel, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 South Church Street, EC03T, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202 or Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire, Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 **beginning on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 25, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-226-E***.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201; Catherine E. Heigel, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 South Church Street, EC03T, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202; and Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire, Post Office Box 944, Columbia, SC 29202, on or before **September 25, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-226-E***.

**Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify** the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201; Catherine E. Heigel, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 South Church Street, EC03T, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202; and Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire, Post Office Box 944, Columbia, SC 29202, on or before **September 18, 2009**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-226-E***.

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **September 25, 2009**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-226-E***.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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