

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 39
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that New River Light & Power Company (New River) has requested the North Carolina Utilities Commission to approve an adjustment to its purchased power adjustment factor for usage on and after January 17, 2012, to pass through to its customers the increased cost of purchased power from its supplier, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (BREMCO).

The amount of the increase to New River's customers will be approximately \$2,315,012 per year, an increase of approximately 14.7%. The increase will be applied to New River's customers as a uniform increase to the kilowatt-hour (kWh) energy charge. The additional revenue produced by the increase will be the same as the increased cost of purchased power from BREMCO, adjusted for the effects of gross receipts tax and the utility regulatory fee. The proposed increase of \$0.010387 per kWh will result in an increase in the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh from \$94.31 to \$104.70. The approximate percentage increases in customers' bills, by rate schedule, are as follows (actual percentages may differ depending on specific customers' usage amounts):

Residential	11.0%
Schedule G (Commercial)	11.7%
Schedule GL (Large Commercial)	15.9%
Schedule I (Industrial)	14.4%
Schedule A (App. State Univ.)	12.9%

The Commission has concluded that the pass-through rate adjustment requested by New River is reasonable, in that it (a) is based solely on the increase in purchased power expense expected to be incurred by New River, and (b) when combined with pro forma 2010 results of New River's operations, does not appear to be unreasonable overall.

Therefore, the Commission has approved New River's requests without public hearing, subject to refund of any amounts which should subsequently be found to be unjust or unreasonable after any public hearing in this matter that may subsequently be held by the Commission, as described below.

Persons desiring to intervene in this matter as formal parties of record should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 not later than 45 days after the date of this notice. Persons desiring to present testimony or evidence

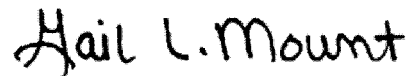
at a hearing should so advise the Commission. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to Renee Vance, Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. If a significant number of requests for a public hearing are received within 45 days after the date of this notice, the Commission may schedule a public hearing.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Robert P. Gruber, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of January, 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail L. Mount". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gail L. Mount, Deputy Clerk