

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 54  
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of	)	
Application of Appalachian State University	)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company	)	
for Adjustment of General Base Rates and	)	ORDER APPROVING
Charges Applicable to Electric Service	)	RATE SCHEDULES AND
	)	NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
DOCKET NO. E-34, SUB 55	)	OF CHANGE IN RATES
	)	
In the Matter of	)	
Petition of Appalachian State University	)	
d/b/a New River Light and Power Company	)	
for an Accounting Order to Defer Certain	)	
Capital Costs and New Tax Expenses	)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 16, 2023, the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an Order Accepting Stipulation, Granting Partial Rate Increase, and Requiring Public Notice (Rate Order) approving an increase of \$4,288,000 to Appalachian State University d/b/a/ New River Light & Power Company (NRLP) annual gross base revenues with an offsetting decrease of \$2,080,926 to annual purchased power adjustment revenues, resulting in a net annual revenue increase of \$2,207,074. The new base rates and charges will take effect for electricity consumed during the billing cycle associated with service rendered on or after October 1, 2023.

The Rate Order, among other things, directed NRLP and the Public Staff to jointly prepare and file for Commission review and approval the following: (a) revised rate schedules and service regulations reflecting the rates and charges and fees designed to produce the increase in revenues as approved in the Rate Order (b) calculations showing the revenues that will be produced by the rates and charges and fees for each schedule, including a table comparing the revenue produced by the present schedules with the revenue that will be produced under the proposed schedules, and a table showing the rates of return for each customer class as a result of the revenues produced by the proposed rates; and (c) a proposed customer notice of the approved rate increase.

On October 30, 2023, NRLP made a compliance filing with the Commission consisting of three exhibits: Exhibit A - Schedule of Current and Proposed Rate Design for

the 12 months ended December 31, 2021 (Revised Rate Schedules), Exhibit B - Summary of Proposed Rate Impacts for the 12 months ended December 31, 2021, and Exhibit C - Proposed Notice to Customers. NRLP stated that all three exhibits had been reviewed and agreed upon by the Public Staff.

On November 7, 2023, NRLP made further compliance filings with the Commission, consisting of a Revised Exhibit A – Comparison Chart Between Prior Approved Rates and Current Approved Rates; Exhibit B – Summary of Current Approved Rate Impact; and clean and comparison copies of Revised NRLP Rate Schedules, Effective for Service On and After October 1, 2023.

On November 13, 2023, NRLP filed Amended Rate Schedules consisting of NRLP Current Rate Schedules, Effective for Service On and After October 1, 2023 (both a clean copy and a blacklined comparison showing changes from previous rate schedules) (Rate Schedules); Exhibit A – Comparison Chart Between Prior Approved Rates and Current Approved Rates (unchanged since the November 7, 2023 filing); and Exhibit B – Summary of Current Approved Rate Impact (unchanged since the November 7, 2023 filing). NRLP stated that it planned to file in the near future revisions to its service regulations to be consistent with the new rate schedules.

The Public Staff has indicated that it finds the Proposed Customer Notice and the Rate Schedules as filed on November 13, 2023 to be accurate and appropriate.

On November 15, 2023 in further compliance with the Rate Order, NRLP filed its revised Service Regulations, which were reviewed and approved by the Public Staff.

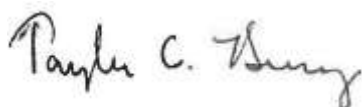
Based on a review of the compliance filings described herein, the Public Staff's review and acceptance of NRLP's compliance filings made on November 13 and 15, 2023, and the record, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to accept and approve (a) the Notice to Customers in the form attached hereto as Appendix A, (b) the Rate Schedules as filed on November 13, 2023, and (c) the Service Regulations as filed on November 15, 2023. NRLP shall give notice to its customers in the manner specified in Ordering Paragraph 7 of the Rate Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of November, 2023.

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Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) entered an order in Docket Nos. E-34, Sub 54, and E-34, Sub 55, on October 16, 2023, approving an increase of \$4,288,000 to New River Light and Power Company's (NRLP) annual gross base revenues with an offsetting decrease of \$2,080,926 to annual purchased power adjustment (PPA) revenues, resulting in a net annual revenue increase of \$2,207,074. The new base rates and charges will take effect for electricity consumed during the billing cycle associated with service rendered on or after October 1, 2023. No adjustments were made to the coal ash cost recovery (CACR) factor.

The new base rates, PPA factor, and total rates and charges are set forth below:

Rate Schedule	Base Rates	PPA Factor	CACR Factor	Total Rate
<b><u>Schedule R (Residential)</u></b>				
Basic Facilities Charge	\$ 14.50			
Energy Charge:				
NRLP Distribution Charge per kWh	\$ 0.032548			\$ 0.032548
Wholesale Power Supply Charge per kWh	\$ 0.073646	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.085626
Total Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.106194	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.118174
<b><u>Schedule G (Commercial)</u></b>				
Basic Facilities Charge	\$ 17.50			
Energy Charge:				
NRLP Distribution Charge per kWh	\$ 0.033071			\$ 0.033071
Wholesale Power Supply Charge per kWh	\$ 0.079142	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.091122
Total Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.112213	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.124193
<b><u>Schedule GL (Commercial Demand)</u></b>				
Basic Facilities Charge	\$ 30.00			
Demand Charge:				
NRLP Distribution Charge per kW	\$ 2.27			\$ 2.27
Wholesale Power Supply Charge per kW	\$ 6.00			\$ 6.00
Total Demand charge per kW	\$ 8.27			\$ 8.27
Energy Charge:				
NRLP Distribution Charge per kWh	\$ 0.020228			\$ 0.020228
Wholesale Power Supply Charge per kWh	\$ 0.059790	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.071770
Total Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.080018	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.091998
<b><u>Schedule A (ASU)</u></b>				
Demand Charge:				
NRLP Distribution Charge per kW	\$ 16.97			\$ 16.97
Wholesale Power Supply Charge per kW	\$ 7.87			\$ 7.87
Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.040121	\$ 0.012376	\$(0.000396)	\$ 0.052101

Rate Schedule	Base Rates	PPA Factor	CACR Factor	Total Rate
<b>Schedule OL (Outdoor Lighting) Monthly Charge per Light</b>				
150 Watt HPS Cobra Head	\$ 13.34	\$ 0.68	\$ (0.02)	\$ 14.00
250 Watt HPS Cobra Head	\$ 18.05	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 19.14
250 Watt HPS Shoebox	\$ 20.35	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 21.44
175 Watt MV	\$ 12.36	\$ 0.79	\$ (0.03)	\$ 13.12
400 Watt MV TV	\$ 23.70	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 25.45
250 Watt MH Cobra Head	\$ 18.74	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 19.83
250 Watt MH Decashield	\$ 18.46	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 19.55
400 Watt MH Cobra Head	\$ 26.06	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 27.81
400 Watt MH Flood TV	\$ 26.39	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 28.14
400 Watt MH Shoebox	\$ 28.29	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 30.04
150 Watt Sodium Vapor TOB	\$ 6.32	\$ 0.68	\$ (0.02)	\$ 6.98
250 Watt Sodium Vapor TOB	\$ 10.54	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 11.63
400 Watt Sodium Vapor TOB	\$ 16.86	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 18.61
750 Watt Sodium Vapor TOB	\$ 31.61	\$ 3.39	\$ (0.11)	\$ 34.89
175 Watt MV TOB	\$ 7.38	\$ 0.79	\$ (0.03)	\$ 8.14
400 Watt MV TV TOB	\$ 16.86	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 18.61
250 Watt Metal Halide - TOB	\$ 10.54	\$ 1.13	\$ (0.04)	\$ 11.63
400 Watt Metal Halide - TOB	\$ 16.86	\$ 1.81	\$ (0.06)	\$ 18.61
<b>Schedule LEDL (LED Lighting) Monthly Charge per Light</b>				
50 Watt Yard Light (NLA)	\$ 4.48	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.01)	\$ 4.70
96 Watt LED TV Bronze	\$ 9.99	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.01)	\$ 10.41
101 Watt LED Bronze Cobra Head	\$ 12.38	\$ 0.46	\$ (0.01)	\$ 12.83
110 Watt LED (NLA)	\$ 7.75	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.02)	\$ 8.23
119 Area Light LED Shoebox (NLA)	\$ 10.96	\$ 0.54	\$ (0.02)	\$ 11.48
160 Watt Cobra Head LED	\$ 11.63	\$ 0.73	\$ (0.02)	\$ 12.34
20 Watt LED TOB	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.09	\$ -	\$ 0.93
27 Watt LED TOB	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.12	\$ -	\$ 1.26
40 Watt LED TOB	\$ 1.69	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.86
50 Watt LED TOB	\$ 2.11	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.01)	\$ 2.33
TOB 80 Watt LED	\$ 3.37	\$ 0.36	\$ (0.01)	\$ 3.72
92 Watt LED TOB	\$ 3.88	\$ 0.42	\$ (0.01)	\$ 4.29
100 Watt LED TOB	\$ 4.21	\$ 0.45	\$ (0.01)	\$ 4.65
106 Watt LED TOB	\$ 4.47	\$ 0.48	\$ (0.02)	\$ 4.93
TOB 110 Watt LED	\$ 4.64	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.02)	\$ 5.12
120 Watt LED TOB	\$ 5.06	\$ 0.54	\$ (0.02)	\$ 5.58
TOB 136 Watt LED	\$ 5.73	\$ 0.61	\$ (0.02)	\$ 6.32
150 Watt LED TOB	\$ 6.32	\$ 0.68	\$ (0.02)	\$ 6.98
TOB 180 Watt LED	\$ 7.59	\$ 0.81	\$ (0.03)	\$ 8.37

Rate Schedule	Base Rates	PPA Factor	CACR Factor	Total Rate
<i>Pole Charges for Lighting:</i>				
Shakespeare Fiberglass Bronze Poles	\$ 11.87			\$ 11.87
30' Wood Pole	\$ 3.97			\$ 3.97
<b><u>Schedule MS (Miscellaneous Service Charges)</u></b>				
Connect Charge	\$ 11.50			\$ 11.50
Connect Charge Commercial Temporary	\$ 15.00			\$ 15.00
Reconnect Fee	\$ 11.50			\$ 11.50
Returned Payment Fee	\$ 21.00			\$ 21.00

The new base rates and PPA factors result in the following:

1. A 22.61% overall increase in base rates, which for a typical residential customer in North Carolina that uses 1,000 kWh per month, represents a monthly increase of \$18.07.
2. A 44.50% overall decrease in PPA rates, which for a typical residential customer in North Carolina that uses 1,000 kWh per month, represents a monthly decrease of \$9.94.
3. A net increase in rates of 9.34%, which for a typical residential customer in North Carolina that uses 1,000 kWh per month, represents a monthly increase of \$8.13, This increase is inclusive of the required Commission regulatory fees, but does not include applicable taxes.

The new base rates for all classes have been approved on a permanent basis unless and until changed in a future rate case.

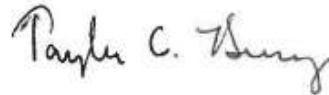
In addition to the base rates and PPA rates discussed above, the Commission has also approved NRLP's introduction of a net billing rider (NBR) for customers with solar photovoltaic (PV) generating sources installed on their premises. This NBR will allow the customer to use the energy produced by their solar PV and sell back any excess energy to NRLP at the prevailing retail rate. Consistent with the intent of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-126.4 to ensure net metering customers are not subsidized by other retail customers, the Commission has approved a Standby Supplemental Charge as part of NBR.

The Commission has also approved NRLP's Schedule PPR as a "Buy All / Sell All" alternative to the NBR. This schedule is open to customers who wish to sell their entire solar output to NRLP.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21st day of November, 2023.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taylor C. Berry".

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk