

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

**NOTICE OF
VIRTUAL PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING**

DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E

APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES (*THIS FILING INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE TO RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES) (SEE COMMISSION ORDER NO. 2020-313)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Public Service Commission, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order Nos. 2020-62, 2020-345, and 2020-661, has scheduled virtual public night hearings in response to the above referenced Docket. The virtual public night hearings will begin at **6:00 p.m.** as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM

PLEASE BE ADVISED: YOU CAN ONLY TESTIFY DURING ONE OF THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS.

OPTION ONE: IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY VIA AUDIO ONLY AT THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS, **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO TESTIFY.** TO PRE-REGISTER, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING: STARTING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020, AT 8:15 A.M. AND ENDING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., PLEASE CALL **803-896-5133** AND PRE-REGISTER BY LEAVING YOUR NAME, PHYSICAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE (PREFERABLY CELL) NUMBER; AND WHICH DATE YOU WISH TO TESTIFY AT **803-896-5133.** **REMEMBER YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO TESTIFY.**

OPTION TWO: IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE, **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO TESTIFY.** TO PRE-REGISTER, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING: STARTING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020, AT 8:15 A.M. AND ENDING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., PLEASE CALL **803-896-5133** AND PRE-REGISTER BY LEAVING YOUR NAME, PHYSICAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE (PREFERABLY CELL) NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS; AND WHICH DATE YOU WISH TO TESTIFY AT **803-896-5133.** **REMEMBER YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO TESTIFY.** AFTER YOU PRE-REGISTER, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE COMMISSION REGARDING INSTRUCTIONS TO TESTIFY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE. **PLEASE NOTE:** VIDEO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS MUST CONNECT USING A DESKTOP COMPUTER WITH A WEBCAM/CAMERA OR LAPTOP WITH A WEBCAM/CAMERA. MOBILE AND TABLET DEVICES ARE NOT CURRENTLY SUPPORTED AND CANNOT BE USED.

NEXT STEPS: THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS TO CALL IN TO THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS: TO TESTIFY AS A PUBLIC WITNESS (BOTH VIA AUDIO AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE) OR FOR NON-WITNESSES TO LISTEN VIA AUDIO ONLY. **YOU MAY CALL IN ANYTIME PRIOR TO 6:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020, NOVEMBER 10, 2020, AND NOVEMBER 12, 2020.** THE CALL IN OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TESTIFIERS/PUBLIC WITNESSES (AUDIO & VIDEO): (877) 236-8674

NON-WITNESSES (LISTEN-ONLY): (800) 786-6104

LIVESTREAM (WATCH AND LISTEN-ONLY): <https://www.sctv.org/live/public-service-commission>

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case subject to objection by the Parties.

Please note the Commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding this Application. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the Commissioners from answering questions regarding this Application or discussing this case with you individually.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission’s procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

On August 14, 2020, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC” or the “Company”) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) requesting certain proposed adjustments, changes, and increases in its rates and charges and tariffs for retail electric service (the “Application”) with an effective filing date of August 15, 2020. The Application was filed pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §§58-27-820, 58-27-860, and 58-27-870 (2015, as amended), Commission Regulation 103-823 (2012), and other applicable laws and rules.

According to the Application, the proposed rates and charges represent an overall increase in revenues of approximately \$178 million or 7.75%.

Costs associated with the abandoned V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 construction project are not included in the rates requested in this Application.

At its August 26, 2020, Commission Business Meeting, the Commission issued a directive which stated, in part, “... Dominion shall maintain the historical test period as 12-months ended December 31, 2019, which is January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and that Dominion is further required to update its historical test period results for known and measurable changes as of September 30, 2020.”

DESC has not sought a rate increase for base electric rates since 2012 exclusive of changes in the fuel component and the recovery of costs and revenues associated with demand side management and energy efficiency programs and other rider-based charges. Since that time, DESC states in its Application it has made continued investments in assets and operating resources required to serve an expanding customer base; to maintain the safety, reliability, and efficiency of its system; and to meet increasingly stringent reliability, security and environmental requirements. The Application also states the Company has experienced an increase in depreciation expense and property taxes associated with these investments. Also, the Application states that since the close of the prior test year, more than eight years ago; DESC’s costs of providing retail electric service to its customers have increased. The Application also states the Consumer Price Index, as issued by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows producer prices have increased by approximately 14% since the close of the prior test year. As a result of these and other changes, which are set out in more detail in the Application, DESC states its current rates and charges are not sufficient to allow the Company a reasonable opportunity to recover its actual cost of providing electric service to customers including the cost of the debt and equity capital invested in the electric system.

**DOMINION RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - RATE 8
CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATE EXAMPLE**

	Current	Proposed
1000 kWh per month (Before Tax Rider)	\$126.18	\$131.99
1000 kWh per month (After Tax Rider)	\$122.31	N/A

The Application further proposes

- to create a vegetation management accrual to establish a stable basis for funding the vegetation control plans that are necessary to ensure resiliency in storms and protect the safe and reliable operation of DESC's distribution and transmission systems
- to restore collection of the Storm Damage Reserve component of rates
- to make certain changes in its General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service
- to discontinue an experimental commercial rate, Rate 21A, Experimental Program – General Service Time-of Use Demand
- to revise and update the standards under Residential Rate 6 – Energy Saver/Conservation Rate
- to reduce the rate collected under its Demand Side Management program rider (DSM Rider) from the current rate of 0.00220 \$/kwh for residential customers to an adjusted rate of 0.00158 \$/kwh
- to discontinue the Tax Rider that was authorized in 2018 to return tax savings under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to customers. The Application proposes to return those savings to customers through base rates going forward.

DESC requests if the evidence presented in the hearings and other proceedings so allows, it be permitted to implement rates that differ and/or exceed those set forth in the Application. DESC requests that the proposed increase be effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of March, 2021.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

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