

Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Docket No. G-3, Sub 280

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (Public Service), 400 Cox Road, Gastonia, North Carolina, has made application to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for retail natural gas service to its customers in North Carolina. The Company states in its application that it is seeking a rate increase of \$8,882,727. If new gas costs of \$3,190,805 proposed by the Company are included, the potential rate increase is \$12,073,532. The Company is also seeking Commission authority to roll-in to base rates \$13,788,123 of gas costs which are currently being recovered through the Company's Rider D tariff. The Rider D tariff is a formula for recovering gas cost increases between rate cases. The following table lists the specific changes by rate class:

PRESENT				PROPOSED				PERCENT			
PRESENT RATE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMERS	WINT./SUMM.	PRESENT FACILITIES CHARGE (\$/Therm)	PRESENT RATE (\$/Therm)	PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER	PROPOSED FACILITIES CHARGE	PROPOSED RATES (\$/Therm)	PERCENT RATE INC./DEC. (DEC.)	PERCENT FAC. CHG. (DEC.)	
105	Residential (Year Around)	Wint.*	\$7.00	\$6.69147	105	Residential (Year Around)	\$7.00	\$6.76040	10.0%	0.0%	
110	Residential (Seasonal)	Wint.*	8.00	7.06647	110	Residential (Seasonal)	10.00	8.28000	2.0%	25.0%	
125	Commercial & Small Industrial (Year Around)	Wint.*	11.00	6.2553	125	Commercial & Small Industrial (Year Around)	11.00	6.2553	0.0%	0.0%	
130	Commercial & Small Industrial (Seasonal)	Wint.*	12.00	6.6053	130	Commercial & Small Industrial (Seasonal)	15.00	6.6053	27.2%	25.0%	
145	Large General Service First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	Wint.*	150.00	0.58187 0.56187 0.54187	145	Large General Service First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	150.00	0.56000 0.54000 0.52000	(3.8%) (4.0%) (4.0%)	0.0%	
150	Large General Service First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	Wint.*	300.00	0.51187 0.49187 0.48187 0.46687	150	Large General Service First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	300.00	0.53000 0.51000 0.49000	(4.0%) (4.1%) (4.3%)	0.0%	
	First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 100,000 Therms	Summ.**	300.00	0.49187 0.47187 0.46187 0.44687		First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 100,000 Therms	300.00	0.47600 0.45600 0.44600 0.43100	(3.2%) (3.4%) (3.4%) (3.6%)	0.0%	

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PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMERS	WINT./SUMM.	PRESENT FACILITIES CHARGE	PRESENT R A T E S (\$/Therm)	PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER	PROPOSED FACILITIES CHARGE	PROPOSED RATES (\$/Therm)	RATE INC./ (DEC.)	
175	Interrupt. Trans. (For Rate 145 Cust.) First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	Wint*	\$150.00		175	Interrupt. Trans. (For Rate 145 Cust.) First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Over 30,000 Therms	\$150.00			0.0%
				\$0.22023						0.0%
				0.20023				\$0.19836	(9.9)%	
				0.18023				0.17836	(10.9)%	
								0.15836	(12.1)%	
		Summ**	150.00	0.19023						0.0%
				0.17023			150	0.16836	(11.5)%	
				0.15023				0.14836	(12.8)%	
180	Interrupt. Trans. (For Rate 150 Cust.) First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Next 70,000 Therms Over 100,00 Therms	WintL	300.00		180	Interrupt. Trans. (For Rate 150 Cust.) First 15,000 Therms Next 15,000 Therms Next 70,000 Therms Over 100,000 Therms	300.00			0.0%
				0.15023						0.0%
				0.13023				\$0.13436	(10.6)%	
				0.12023				0.11436	(12.2)%	
				0.10523				0.10436	(13.2)%	
								0.08936	(15.1)%	
		Summ.	300.00	0.13023						0.0%
				0.11023			300.00	0.11436	(12.2)%	
				0.10023				0.09436	(14.4)%	
				0.08523				0.08436	(15.8)%	
								0.06936	(18.6)%	
	Rider A Emergency Services Limited Emergency Service On-Peak Emergency Service			0.69869 0.89869		Rider A Emergency Serv. Limited Emerg. Serv. On-Peak Emerg. Serv.		0.70000 0.90000	0.2% 0.1%	
	Miscellaneous Fees (per occurrence)					Miscellaneous Fees (per occurrence)				
	Reconnection—Resident.		\$25.00			Reconnection-Res.	\$35.00		40.0%	
	Reconnection-Non-Resident.		25.00			Reconnection-Other	50.00		100.0%	
	After Hours		7.50			After Hours	15.00		100.0%	
	Returned Check Fee		10.00			Returned Check Fee	15.00		50.0%	
* November-April ** May-October										

A list of present rates, together with details of the proposed adjustments in rates can be obtained at any business office of Public Service or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the application is available for review by any interested person. The Commission will consider additional or alternative rate design proposals which were not included in the original application, and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules which differ from those proposed by the Company.

Because of the revisions in some of the tariffs, a customer may not be sure which rate schedule is applicable. Under this circumstance the Company should be called to advise the customer of the appropriate rate schedule. The Utilities Commission has suspended the proposed rates, has set the application for investigation and hearing, and has required Public Service to comply with all provisions of law and Commission Rules in support of its application to show that the proposed changes in rates and tariff language are just and reasonable.

The hearing on the matter has been scheduled for the following dates and locations:
Statesville: 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 20, 1991, Conference Room No. 203, 2nd Floor, City Office Building, Corner of South Center Street and East Front Street, Statesville, North Carolina.
Gastonia: 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 21, 1991, Council Chambers, City Hall, corner of South Street and Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina.
Asheville: 7:00 P.M., Thursday, August 22, 1991, Superior Courtroom, 5th Floor, Buncombe County Courthouse, Courthouse Plaza, 189 College St., Asheville, North Carolina.
Raleigh: 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 3, 1991, Commission Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
Raleigh: 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 4, 1991, Commission Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

That the hearings on August 20, 21, 22, and September 3, 1991, will be for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses only. The hearings will resume in Raleigh on September 4, 1991, at 9:00 A.M. with any further testimony of public witness and testimony and cross-examination of witnesses for the Applicant, the Public Staff, and other intervenors, and continue as required to complete the record of evidence.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6 and R1-19 at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at one of the public hearings. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Post Office Box 29510, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0510. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The details of the proposed tariff changes in rates, charges, and regulations are available by contacting Public Service Company, or the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of the Company's filing are available for public review. Upon request, the Commission will place copies of the proposed tariffs and prefilled testimony in centrally-located public libraries. The material may be copied without prohibition at the library.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through the Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to:

Robert P. Gruber
Executive Director
Public Staff
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Post Office Box 29520
Raleigh, North Carolina 27662-0520

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Lacy H. Thornburg
Attorney General of North Carolina
270 Utilities Division
Post Office Box 629
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0629

This is the 11th day of June 1991

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC., Gastonia, North Carolina



Award For Dancers Trio

The Senior Trio at Dancers Unlimited participated in Star-systems Competition in Lexington and 'danced away' with first place honors. They competed in the jazz trio division for students age 13 to Danced To Get Up, choreographed and taught by Lynette Bruton, owner of the studio. Standing, Jennifer Nantz, daughter of Denny and Judy Nantz and from left to right, Hope Brawley, daughter of Irvin and Annette Brawley and Vicky Erwin, daughter of Randy and Glenda Erwin.

National Foundation Taking Scholarship Applications

The Communicative for Agriculture Scholarship and Education Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from rural youth, according to Terry

Service To Honor Walker

A special commemorative program will be held June 30 in Mooresville.

The Rev. M.E. Walker Memorial Committee will honor the memory and celebrate the life of the Rev. M.E. Walker with service at 4 p.m.

The program will be held at Jones Chapel Baptist Church in Mooresville and the highlight of the service will be the dedication of The Bell Memorial.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mack L. McRae, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Pinoville.

The dedication will be administered by the Sparkling Diamond Masonic Lodge of Charlotte.

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