

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (DESC) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) in February 2022 to change the amount it can charge customers for fuel used to generate power and to change the Distributed Energy Resource Program (DERP) charge. If approved by the PSC, the changes requested by DESC would result in an increase of

approximately \$6.50 per month (~5%) for a residential consumer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month. The case is scheduled to be considered by the PSC in April 2022.

Consumer Impact Summary

Each year, the PSC holds a hearing to determine if there should be any adjustment in the amount that DESC charges consumers for fuel used to generate power. This charge is included in base rates and is based on the cost of fuel the company paid in the previous year and the projected fuel costs over the upcoming year.

During this hearing, the PSC also determines whether there should be an increase or decrease in the Distributed Energy Resource Program (DERP) charge. The DERP charge recovers incremental program costs to promote the installation of renewable energy resources (solar) in South Carolina.

Number of Affected Consumers ~750,000

	Current Charge*	Proposed Charge*	Proposed Increase
Fuel Rate	2.523 ¢	3.173 ¢	0.6500 ¢
	per kWh	per kWh	(25.76%)
DERP	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00 (0%)
Charge	per month	per month	per month

^{*} residential charges

About the Office of Regulatory Staff

The ORS represents consumers of investor-owned utilities in South Carolina before the PSC. The PSC is the state agency that sets utilities' rates. The ORS must look at the impact to the consumer and utilities' continued investment in reliable and high-quality services.

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