



# Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) Request for Rate Increase

Docket No. 2025-172-E

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) on July 1, 2025, to increase its electric rates charged to customers. If approved, an average residential consumer's monthly bill (using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month) would increase by approximately \$10.38 per month.

The case is scheduled to be considered by the PSC in November 2025, with new rates effective March 1, 2026.

## Rate Increase Request Summary

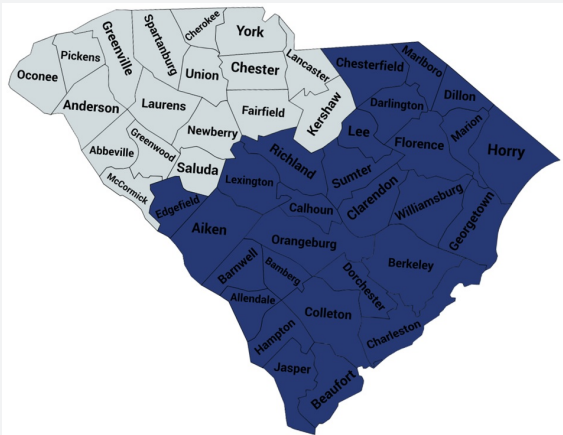
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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Revenue Requested               | \$ 2.2 billion  |
| Total Revenue Increase Requested (\$) | \$150.5 million |
| Total Revenue Increase Requested (%)  | ~7.3%           |

Number of Impacted Consumers  
~679,000

| Average Monthly Residential Bill Impact (of DEC Consumers Using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month) |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current (As of July 25, 2025)                                                                   | \$136.82                  |
| If Rate Increase is Approved                                                                    | \$147.19 (~7.6% increase) |

## Counties Where Service is Provided

- Abbeville
- Anderson
- Cherokee
- Chester
- Fairfield
- Greenville
- Greenwood
- Kershaw
- Lancaster
- Laurens
- McCormick
- Newberry
- Oconee
- Pickens
- Saluda
- Spartanburg
- Union
- York



# How Can Consumers Participate?

1. Fill out a Letter of Protest on the PSC's website: [psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-letter-protest](https://psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-letter-protest)

## 2. Attend Public Hearings and Testify

Consumers will be able to participate and let the Commissioners hear their concerns.

- October 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Spartanburg County Council Chambers, Spartanburg County Administration Building, 366 North Church Street, Suite 1000, Spartanburg, South Carolina)
- October 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Anderson County Council Chambers, 101 South Main Street, Anderson, South Carolina)
- October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Greenville Technical College, Prisma Health Center for Health & Life Sciences Multipurpose Room, 506 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Building Number 101, Greenville, South Carolina)
- October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Greenwood 50 Performing Arts Center, 1816 Cokesbury Road, Greenwood, South Carolina)
- November 13, 2025 at 10:00am - 1:00pm and 4:00 - 8:00pm (Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, SC)

### Important Dates (as published by the PSC)

|            |                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 07/01/2025 | Application and Company Testimony Filed      |
| 07/30/2025 | Company Published Notification of Increase   |
| 09/29/2025 | Petition to Intervene Deadline               |
| 10/06/2025 | Public Hearing (Spartanburg, SC)             |
| 10/06/2025 | All Other Parties' Testimony Due             |
| 10/13/2025 | Public Hearing (Anderson, SC)                |
| 10/14/2025 | Public Hearing (Greenville, SC)              |
| 10/16/2025 | Public Hearing (Greenwood, SC)               |
| 10/27/2025 | Rebuttal Testimony Due                       |
| 11/03/2025 | All Other Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony Due |
| 11/13/2025 | PSC Hearing Begins                           |
| 11/13/2025 | Public Hearings (Columbia, SC)               |
| 01/01/2026 | PSC Order Issued                             |
| 03/01/2026 | Approved Rates Go Into Effect                |

### Intervenors

- SC Office of Regulatory Staff
- SC Department of Consumer Affairs
- SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce
- SC Energy Users Committee
- Sierra Club
- Walmart Inc.
- Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
- South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
- Upstate Forever
- Vote Solar

## About DEC's Rate Increase Request

If approved:

- the average residential customer's monthly bill (using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month) would increase by approximately \$10.38 (~7.6%) per month beginning March 1, 2026.
- General Service customers would see an average increase of approximately 5.4%.
- Lighting class customers would see an average increase of approximately 10.7%.
- Industrial customers would see an average increase of approximately 5.2%.

## About the Office of Regulatory Staff

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) represents the public interest in utility regulation matters as it pertains to (1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer; and (2) preservation of the continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services. This includes matters before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC), which is the state agency that sets rates and regulates the services of investor-owned utilities.