

Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) on June 12, 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 \$21.66 per month.

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

**Rate Increase Request Summary** 

Total Revenue Requested	\$712.5 million
Total Revenue Increase Requested (\$)	\$74.8 million
Total Revenue Increase Requested (%)	~11.7%

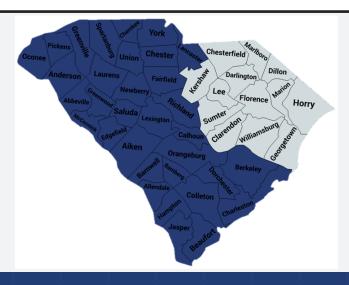
Number of Impacted Consumers ~177,000

Average Monthly Residential Bill Impact (of DEP Consumers Using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month)	
Current (As of July 1, 2025)	\$144.85
If Rate Increase is Approved	\$166.51 (~15% increase)

#### **Counties Where Service is Provided**

- Chesterfield
- Clarendon
- Darlington
- Dillon
- Florence
- Georgetown
- Horry

- Kershaw
- Lee
- Marion
- Marlboro
- Sumter
- Williamsburg



Current as of 7/1/2025 ORS.SC.GOV

# **How Can Consumers Participate?**

### 1. Fill out a Letter of Protest on the PSC's website: 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.

- September 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Florence County Council Chambers, 180 North Irby Street, Room 803, Florence, SC)
- September 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Sumter High School Auditorium, 2580 McCray's Mill Rd., Sumter, SC)
- October 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Lee County Courthouse, 123 South Main Street, Bishopville, SC)
- October 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM 8:00 PM (Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, SC)

## Important Dates (as published by the PSC)

06/12/2025	Application and Company Testimony Filed
07/11/2025	Company Published Notification of Increase
09/10/2025	Petition to Intervene Deadline
09/16/2025	All Other Parties' Testimony Due
09/25/2025	Public Hearing (Florence, SC)
09/29/2025	Public Hearing (Sumter, SC)
10/02/2025	Public Hearing (Bishopville, SC)
10/07/2025	Company's Rebuttal Testimony Due
10/17/2025	All Other Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony Due
10/27/2025	Public Hearing (Columbia, SC)
10/27/2025	PSC Hearing Begins (10:00 AM)
12/12/2025	PSC Order Issued
02/01/2026	Approved Rates Go Into Effect

#### Intervenors

- SC Office of Regulatory Staff
- · SC Department of Consumer Affairs
- · Nucor Steel South Carolina

## **About DEP's Rate Increase Request**

If approved:

- the average residential customer's monthly bill (using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month) would increase by approximately \$21.66 (~15%) per month beginning February 1, 2026.
- Small General Service customers would see an average increase of approximately 15.1%.
- Medium General Service customers would see an average increase of approximately 12.8%.
- Large General Service customers would see an average increase of approximately 3.6%.

# **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.