

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

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Duke Energy Carolinas has filed a request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to increase electric rates by approximately \$646 million.

According to Duke Energy, the rate increases would increase electric rates by the following amounts:

Customer Class	Average rate increase percentage
Residential	17 percent
Commercial	14 percent
Industrial	14 percent
Lighting	8 percent

Currently, a typical residential customer who uses 1000 kilowatt-hours per month of electricity pays approximately \$97.00. **If Duke Energy's rate increase is approved, the bill would increase by nearly 20%, approximately \$19.** New rates could go into effect in February 2012.

Everyone who receives this message may speak at one of the public hearings. Testimony can be oral or written.

The first hearing was held in Charlotte on Oct. 12. The remaining public hearings are:

- High Point: Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in High Point City Hall, Council Chambers, 211 South Hamilton Street
- Franklin: Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Macon County Courthouse, Courtroom A, 5 W. Main Street
- Marion: Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the McDowell County Courthouse, Courtroom (Second Floor), Corner of Main and Court Street
- Durham: Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Durham City Hall, Council Chambers, 101 City Hall Plaza
- Raleigh: Monday, November 28, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street

Written statements to the Commission should address them to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325, and reference Docket No. E-7, Sub 989. The hearings of October 12, 25, 26, 27, and November 3, 2011, will be for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The Commission hearing will resume in Raleigh on November 28, 2011 and continue as required for further testimony of public witnesses and testimony and cross-examination of witnesses for the Company, the Public Staff and intervenors.