



South Carolina Public Service Authority

Preliminary Plan for Electric Rate Revisions

Santee Cooper Board of Directors

June 20, 2023

Recent Rate History



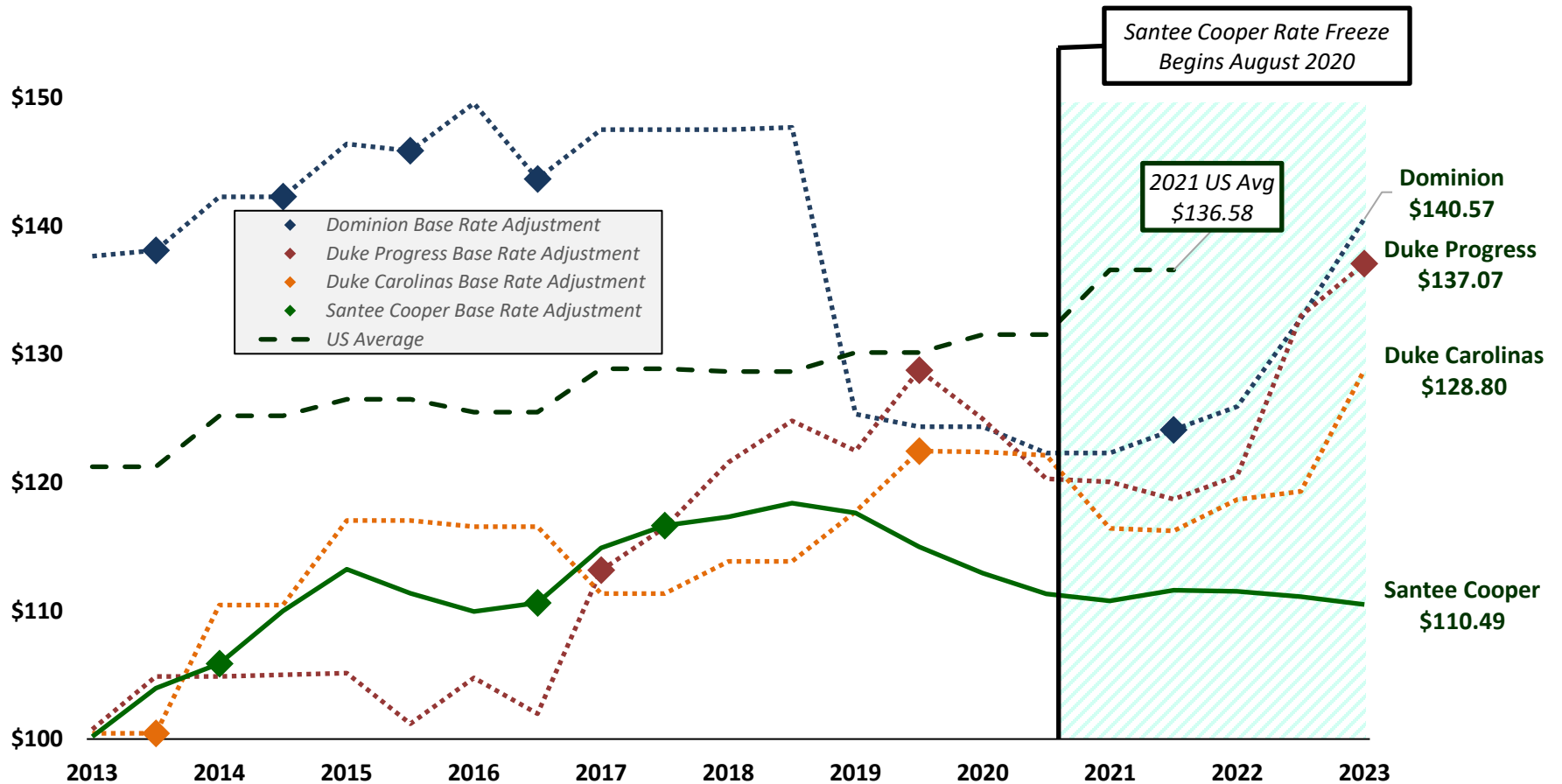
- 2015 Rate Study
 - Board approved 2 base rate adjustments
 - First increase effective for bills rendered April 1, 2016 (5.3%)
 - Second increase effective for bills rendered April 1, 2017 (2.1%)
 - Third increase proposed for 2018 but deferred
- 2017 Rate Study
 - Suspended
- 2020 Cook Settlement Agreement
 - “Froze” retail rates through 2024, along with adjustments
 - Fuel costs could no longer be “passed through” to customers

Retail rates have been stable for over 6 years

Residential Bill History



Rates are competitive with in-state IOUs



1.) Santee Cooper and IOU average bill based on ORS Data
 2.) US Average is based on EIA average Residential cents/kWh
 3.) Annualized 1,000 kWh/month Residential Customer bill

Adjustments are necessary for three reasons

- Revenue Shortfall
 - Projected shortfall begins in 2025
- Refreshing of Rate Design
 - Current design based on 2014/2015 information
- Creating Mechanism for recovery of Cook Exceptions

Preliminary Plan for Next Rate Revision



- Series of 3 base rate increases beginning in the Spring of 2025
- Base rate increases would apply to the following customers:
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Lighting
 - Industrial
- Development of Cook Exception Recovery Mechanism
- The first new base rates would be applied to bills rendered on or after April 1, 2025

Preliminary Rate Revision Timeline*



January – June 2023	Initial review of rate structures and other rate issues
June 20, 2023	Board Meeting: Present the need for rate study and proposed timeline
June 2023 – June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete comprehensive review of the Authority’s retail rates and structures • Meet with customer groups • Update Board on new rate structures and concepts being considered as part of proposed rate adjustment plan
June 10, 2024 (proposed)	Board Meeting: Present rates to Board and seek approval to make formal notice of proposed rate revisions
June – October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain written comments and conduct public meetings • Written public comments received by September 8, 2024 (90 days) • Oral public comments received by October 8, 2024 (120 days)
No earlier than October 8, 2024 (120 days)	Board Meeting: Public meeting to receive additional public comments from impacted customers, ORS and Consumer Advocate AND “other interested parties;” presentation by staff on public comments received
No earlier than November 7, 2024 (150 days)	Board Meeting: Provide final proposed rate revisions to Board including any changes as a result of public input
December 9, 2024 (proposed)	Board Meeting: Board action on proposed rate revisions (>180 days)
April 1, 2025	New rates become effective, if approved

*Specific dates are subject to change.

Public Notice & Meetings Subsequent to June 2024 Board Meeting



- Notify public and ORS of planned rate revisions and time/location of public meetings
 - Newspaper Advertisements
 - Press Release
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Customer Mailings
 - Retail Office Notices
- Proposed rate schedules and supporting information will be available in retail office and on website.
- Public meetings for comment
 - At least 2 meetings held in service territory
 - Quorum of the Board Required
 - October 2024 Board Meeting – Board receives report on comments from customers and comments from ORS
 - Impacted customers, ORS, Consumer Advocate and “other interested parties” may speak
- Customer Meetings
 - Industrial Customers
 - Retail Advisory Council
 - Central

Board Resolution



- Authorizes Santee Cooper management to complete a comprehensive review of the Authority's rate structures and rates