The LED lights are materially less expensive than the other types of lights. If you already have outdoor lighting through Duke, this will be a good time to upgrade your lighting to LED. You can end up with more light and lower monthly bills – a winning combination.

In a 2013 Duke Energy rate case, Brian Coughlan, president and UMS founder, testified on behalf of the NC League of Municipalities. He advocated for more pricing options for customers with certain, common operating characteristics. The rate case also addressed the need for additional LED outdoor lighting options.

LED lighting options now exist in many power provider service territories and should be available everywhere in a few years. LED lighting is much more efficient than older types of outdoor lighting (sodium vapor, mercury vapor, metal halide, etc.). Converting from an older type of outdoor lighting to LED can result in higher overall light levels, higher light quality and lower overall monthly costs with no up-front costs.
UMS Works to Reduce Customer Rates

UMS President Brian Coughlan has testified as an expert witness in various rate cases brought in front of state utility commissions in multiple southern states.

This testimony was on behalf of businesses of all types and sizes, as well as, governmental utility customers.

Additionally, UMS has intervened in several rate cases on behalf of their customers, prompting the creation and changing of electric rates to benefit those customers.

Ongoing Review of Your Accounts

When the design and structure of existing rates change or new rates are created, UMS reviews the usage of our existing customers to determine if they will benefit from the new or changed rates.

If savings opportunities are found, we will contact the customer and work to implement the savings.

UMS Upgrades to Outdoor LED Lighting

This Spring UMS took advantage of the new LED lighting options that exist in the Duke Energy Progress territory.

We converted four sodium vapor lights to four LED lights in the same locations.

- Former Lights: Sodium Vapor
- New Lights: Light Emitting Diode (LED)
- Light Level: Increased about 60%
- Cost: Decreased about $5/month

Note: Light changes from amber to white when changed from sodium vapor to LED.