

Move Over, IT'S THE LAW



“Move Over Law” Protects the Safety of Utility Employees

In July, North Carolina lawmakers expanded the state’s “move over law” to include utility vehicles restoring service on the sides of roadways. Governor Bev Purdue signed this bill into law on July 21, 2010 and it takes effect December 1, 2010.

The “move over law” requires motorists to slow down and cautiously approach emergency vehicles with flashing lights, moving over one lane when possible. This includes electric and gas utility vehicles that are stopped with amber lights flashing, on roadway shoulders.

City of Monroe line and gas crews work in difficult situations and weather conditions to make sure we all receive safe and reliable power and gas. City of Monroe strongly encourages drivers to begin the practice of moving over slowing down if they see a utility vehicle. This will help protect the safety of not only the workers, but also the drivers.

MOTORISTS BE AWARE!

Beginning December 1, 2010, violating this law can lead to a \$500 fine.