

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 18, 2021

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning. Let's come
3 to order and go on record, please. I'm Charlotte
4 Mitchell, Chair of the Utilities Commission, and with
5 me this morning are the following Commissioners. When
6 I call your name, please announce your presence.
7 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, present.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

16 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the
18 State Government Ethics Act, I remind Members of the
19 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of
20 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the
21 Commission has a known conflict of interest with
22 respect to matters coming before us this morning?

23 (No response)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: The record will reflect

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1 that no conflicts have been identified, so we'll
2 proceed with Public Staff, Electric Item P1.

3 MR. SAILLOR: Scott Saillor with the Energy
4 Division. Item P1 consists of applications to amend
5 and renew Certificates of Public Convenience and
6 Necessity for Solar PV Electric Generating facilities.

7 The Public Staff recommends that the
8 Commission approve the applications and issue the
9 amended and renewed Certificates.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
11 the recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
14 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
15 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
16 discussion on the motion?

17 (No response)

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
19 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion
20 with an aye and your opposition to the motion with a
21 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

6 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record, I support
8 the motion as well, and the motion carries.

9 (Motion carries)

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Saillor.

11 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water Item P1.

12 Ms. Casselberry, I believe you're up.

13 MS. CASSELBERRY: Yes. Good morning. Gina
14 Casselberry with the Water, Sewer and Telephone
15 Division. Item P1 is Docket Number W-1327, Sub 1. On
16 September 9th, 2021, Dillsboro Water Utilities Incorp.
17 filed a letter with the Commission requesting
18 authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of
19 passing along to its customers in Jackson County the
20 increased cost of purchased water and waste water
21 treatment from Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority.

22 The Public Staff has reviewed Dillsboro's
23 request and recommends that Dillsboro be allowed to
24 increase its water usage rate by .45 cents per 1,000

1 gallons, its sewer usage rate by .60 cents per 1,000
2 gallons, and its flat rate charged to Dillsboro
3 Crossing Apartments by \$62.53.

4 Dillboro filed a letter stating that it
5 agreed with the Public Staff's recommended rates. The
6 Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue the
7 proposed order approving the Chair provision at the
8 recommended rates and recurring -- requiring customer
9 notice.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
11 the recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
14 seconded that the Item be approved as recommended by
15 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion on the
16 motion?

17 (No response)

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
19 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion
20 with an aye and your opposition to the motion with a
21 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

6 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record, I support
8 the motion as well, and the motion carries.

9 (Motion carries)

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Casselberry.
11 The Commission has before it its minutes from
12 October 11th, 2021 Staff Conference. I'll take a
13 motion for approval.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
15 the minutes.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got a motion for
18 approval from Commissioner Brown-Bland with a second
19 by Commissioner Gray. Any questions or discussion?

20 (No response)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor
22 of approving the minutes, indicate with an aye.

23 (All Commissioners say aye)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any opposed?

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1 (No response)

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Minutes from October 11th
3 are approved. Before we adjourn this morning, is
4 there any addition business for the Commission?

5 MS. LUHR: Yes, Chair Mitchell. If now is
6 an appropriate time, the Public Staff has a new member
7 of our team we would like to introduce, and
8 Ms. Boswell would like to do that.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning, Ms. Luhr, and
10 that's absolutely -- it's the perfect time, so please
11 proceed, Ms. Boswell.

12 MS. BOSWELL: Good morning. We would like
13 to introduce the newest member of our Accounting
14 Staff, Kuei Fen Sun. Fen is a graduate of North
15 Carolina State University and comes to us after
16 serving right here at North Carolina -- at Department
17 of Insurance for the last eight years, and I will give
18 her a moment to introduce herself.

19 MS. SUN: Good morning, everyone. My name
20 is Kuei Fen Sun, but you can just call me Fen. And
21 I'm so proud I can join this big family after two
22 weeks' training, and I feel like this job is really
23 important. And it's really -- you know, it's -- you
24 know, I can do more for the public. Thank you,

1 everybody.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Well, good morning and
3 welcome. We're very glad to have you with us, and
4 look forward to working with you.

5 Anything else for the Commission this
6 morning before we adjourn?

7 (No response)

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing nothing, we will be
9 adjourned. Thank you very much, everybody. Let's go
10 off the record, please.

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12 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, TONJA VINES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand the Proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to the best of my ability.



Tonja Vines