

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

June 20, 2022

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Brown-Bland
Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick
Commissioner Kemerait

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Mr. Green, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Harrod, Ms. Webb-Shackleford, Ms. Hilburn, Ms. Li, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Hardy, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Coxton, Ms. Keyworth Mr. Freeman, Ms. Jost, Ms. Feasel, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Saillor, Ms. Proffitt

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Vines

ELECTRIC*PROGRAM MODIFICATION (Saillor/Creech)***New River Light and Power Company**

1. Docket No. E-34, Sub 49 – Motion of Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company, to revise its Prepaid Service Rider.

On June 25, 2019, the Commission issued an order authorizing Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (NRLP), to offer a pilot Prepaid Service Rider (PSR) to its residential customers. The order also granted waiver of certain rules relating to billing and metering and required NRLP to file an annual report each June 1. On May 5, 2022, NRLP filed a motion to extend the date of the PSR for an additional year and, for efficiency, to change the date of the annual report filings to coincide with the filing date of its Purchased Power Adjustment calculation.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve NRLP's motion with the following revisions: 1) that the PSR be approved as a permanent tariff offering; and 2) that the minimum prepayment required to set up a prepaid account be lowered from \$50 to \$25.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

WATER AND WASTEWATER*APPROVING WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGES ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE (Junis/Feasel/Jost)***Aqua North Carolina, Inc.**

2. Docket No. W-218 Sub 526A – Request to adjust water and sewer system improvement (WSIC/SSIC) charges.

On April 27, 2022, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or the Company) filed an application requesting authority to adjust its Water System Improvement Charges (WSIC) and Sewer System Improvement Charges (SSIC) effective July 1, 2022, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.12 and Commission Rules R7-39(f) and R10-26(f) (Application).

The Public Staff recommended four adjustments to the WSIC and SSIC revenue requirements and percentages proposed by Aqua, which are corrections to 1) plant in service; 2) average accumulated depreciation; 3) average accumulated deferred income taxes; and 4) annual SSIC revenue requirement.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS*INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENT(Proffitt/Coxton)***BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T)**

3. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1672 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Global Crossing Local Services, Inc., approved on December 21, 2006.

On April 18, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. filed for Commission approval an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved December 21, 2006.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company

4. Docket No. P-76, Sub 72 – Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC.

On April 14, 2022, Saluda Mountain Telephone Company and Level 3 Communications, LLC filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Frontier Communications of North Carolina (Frontier)

5. Docket No. P-1488, Sub 51 – Agreement with Windstream Communications, LLC.

On April 7, 2022, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC and Windstream Communications, LLC filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

6. Docket No. P-1488, Sub 52 – Agreement with Clear Rate Communications, LLC.

On April 7, 2022, Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC and Clear Rate Communications, LLC filed an interconnection agreement for Commission approval.

The Public Staff recommended that the agreement be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of June 6, 2022 were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.