

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

May 24, 2021

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.

19 Present.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the  
21 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the  
22 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of  
23 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the  
24 Commission has a known conflict of interest with

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1 respect to matters coming before us this morning?

2 (No response)

3 The record will reflect that no conflicts  
4 have been identified, so we will proceed with Public  
5 Staff, Natural Gas Item P1. Mr. Gilbert.

6 MR. GILBERT: Good morning everybody. Can  
7 you hear me fine?

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: We can hear you.

9 MR. GILBERT: Okay. Good morning. My name  
10 is Geoff Gilbert with the Public Staff, Energy  
11 Division. Item P1, on April 30th, 2021, in Docket  
12 Number G-9, Sub 778, Piedmont filed the computation  
13 for the IMRR bi-annual rate adjustment effective  
14 June 1st, 2021, based on the Company's Integrity  
15 Management Plant Investment through March 31st, 2021.  
16 In addition, the Company proposed a true-up adjustment  
17 effective June 1st, 2021, for the IM Deferred Account  
18 based on the actual account balance at March 31st,  
19 2021.

20 On May 14th, 2021, Piedmont filed the  
21 schedule showing computation of the proposed IM rate  
22 adjustments for each rate schedule and the revised  
23 tariffs effective June 1st, 2021.

24 The proposed IM rate adjustments are shown

1 in the table included in the Public Staff's agenda  
2 item and proposed order. And the Public Staff has  
3 reviewed the proposed IM rate adjustments and  
4 recommends approval as filed.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
6 the recommendation.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
9 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
10 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
11 discussion on the motion?

12 (No response)

13 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
14 Indicate your support by saying aye and your  
15 opposition by saying no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

20 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: (Inaudible).

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Clodfelter is an aye.

22 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

24 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

2 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

4 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
6 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

7 (MOTION PASSES)

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Gilbert.

9 MR. GILBERT: Thank you.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed now to  
11 Public Staff, Communications Item P1. Ms. Proffitt,  
12 you're up.

13 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning everyone. My  
14 name is Karen Proffitt with the Public Staff - Water,  
15 Sewer and Telephone Division. Item P1 presents the  
16 Interconnection Agreements filed by Windstream ILEC  
17 entities and AT&T North Carolina on March 2nd and  
18 March 4th.

19 The Public Staff has reviewed these filings  
20 and recommends that orders be issued approving the  
21 Agreements effective on the date they were filed.

22 The Public Staff has provided proposed  
23 orders to the Commission Staff.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of

1 the recommendation.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
4 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
5 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
6 discussion?

7 (No response)

8 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
9 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
10 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

15 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

17 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

19 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

21 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record I support  
23 the motion as well and the motion carries.

24 (MOTION PASSES)

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.  
2 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric  
3 Item P1. Mr. Thomas, you're up.

4 MR. THOMAS: Good morning Commissioners. My  
5 name is Jeff Thomas. I'm an Engineer with the Public  
6 Staff, Energy Division. Item Number P1, Docket Number  
7 EGL-7, Sub 0 is an Application for a Certificate of  
8 Authority to Engage in Business as an Electric  
9 Generator Lessor.

10 The Public Staff has reviewed the  
11 Application and recommends the Commission issue the  
12 Public Staff's proposed order approving the  
13 Application and issuing the requested certificate.

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

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
18 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
19 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
20 discussion on the motion?

21 (No response)

22 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
23 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
24 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

5 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

7 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

11 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
13 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

14 (MOTION PASSES)

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Mr. Thomas, you're up with  
16 Item P2.

17 MR. THOMAS: Docket Number EGL-12, Sub 0 is  
18 an Application for a Certificate of Authority to  
19 Engage in Business as an Electric Generator Lessor.  
20 The Applicant is a Duke Energy affiliate.

21 The Public Staff has reviewed the  
22 Application and recommends that the Commission issue  
23 the Public Staff's proposed order approving the  
24 Application and issuing the requested certificate.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'll move  
2 approval of the recommendation.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I'll second it.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
5 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
6 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
7 discussion on the motion?

8 (No response)

9 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
10 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
11 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

16 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: (Inaudible.  
17 Indicates with a thumbs up).

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: He's an aye. He's a thumbs  
19 up.

20 Commissioner Duffley.

21 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

23 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.



1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
3 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

4 (MOTION PASSES)

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Thomas.

6 The Commission has before it for approval  
7 our minutes of May 17th, 2021, Staff Conference. I'd  
8 like a motion please.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

10 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
12 seconded that the minutes be approved. Any question  
13 or discussion on that motion?

14 (No response)

15 Hearing none, all in favor of approving the  
16 minutes indicate with an aye.

17 (All Commissioners say aye).

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anybody opposed?

19 (No response)

20 Our minutes are approved.

21 Before we adjourn, any additional business  
22 for the Commission this morning?

23 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Chair Mitchell, I just  
24 wanted to welcome a new intern that we have joining us

1 this summer. I think we're going to have two or  
2 three, three interns on the Commission side and I  
3 believe one of them is actually tuned in and signed  
4 up.

5 Sam, if you're there, would you mind  
6 unmuting yourself and you can even turn the camera on  
7 and say hello.

8 MR. INGALLS: Hi everyone. Thanks for  
9 having me today. My name is Sam Ingalls. I'm  
10 currently going into my second year in UNC's Public  
11 Administration Program with a interest in finance. So  
12 I'm really happy to be here and hopefully get to see  
13 some of you guys in person throughout the summer.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Well, welcome. We're glad  
15 you're here. We look forward to getting to work with  
16 you.

17 Thank you, Commissioner Hughes.

18 Anything else for the Commission this  
19 morning?

20 (No response)

21 Hearing none, we'll be adjourned. Let's go  
22 off the record, please, ma'am.

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2 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.  
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5 C E R T I F I C A T E

6 I, KIM MITCHELL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the  
7 Proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken  
8 before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand  
9 the Proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing  
10 pages are a true and correct transcription to the best  
11 of my ability.  
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