

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

October 4, 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 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, 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 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the  
20 State Government Ethics Act, I remind Members of the  
21 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of  
22 interest and inquire, at this time, as to whether any  
23 Member of the Commission has a known conflict of  
24 interest with respect to matters coming before us this

1 morning.

2 (No response)

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. The record will  
4 reflect that no conflicts were identified, so we'll  
5 proceed with Public Staff Communications, Item P-1.  
6 Ms. Proffitt, you're up.

7 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning. I would like  
8 to provide a correction to this agenda item. The  
9 recommendation statement for my agenda item was  
10 inadvertently omitted from the summary that was sent  
11 out, so I provided a copy of the missing statement to  
12 our court reporter.

13 And in order to avoid repetition, I would  
14 like to read the recommendation statement into the  
15 record as I present the Item, if that would be all  
16 right.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: You may do so, and please  
18 go ahead and proceed.

19 MS. PROFFITT: Okay. Thank you.  
20 Communications Item P-1 presents interconnection  
21 agreement and amendments filed by AT&T North Carolina  
22 and Verizon South on August the 5th, 2021.

23 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings  
24 and recommends Commission approval. The

1 recommendation statement, which is missing, is that  
2 orders be issued approving the agreements and the  
3 amendments effective on the date they were filed.

4 The Public Staff has provided proposed  
5 orders to the Commission Staff. That is all. Thank  
6 you.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
8 the recommendation.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

14 (No response)

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

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

23 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

1 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

3 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

5 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

8 (Motion carries)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.  
10 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric Item P-1.  
11 Mr. Williamson, I believe we're with you.

12 MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes. Good morning. My  
13 name is David Williamson with the Energy Division.  
14 Item P-1 is an application to amend a Certificate of  
15 Public Convenience and Necessity for solar  
16 photovoltaic facilities.

17 Public Staff recommends that the Commission  
18 approve this application and issue the Certificate.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
20 the recommendation.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
23 seconded that the Item be approved as recommended by  
24 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or

1 discussion on the motion?

2 (No response)

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the  
4 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion  
5 with an aye and your opposition with a no.  
6 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

11 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

17 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: And, for the record, I  
19 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.

20 (Motion carries)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Williamson.  
22 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water Item P-1.  
23 Mr. Junis, we're with you.

24 MR. JUNIS: Yes. Thank you. Charles Junis

1 with the Public Staff Water, Sewer, and Telephone  
2 Division. Water Items P-1, P-2, and P-3 filed by Aqua  
3 North Carolina, Inc., in Docket Number W-218, Subs  
4 557, 559, and 560, respectively, are Verified  
5 Petitions requesting authority to amend its tariffs.

6 The Public Staff has reviewed the petitions  
7 and recommends that the Commission issue the proposed  
8 orders approving the requested tariff provisions.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
10 the recommendation for Items P-1, 2, and 3.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
13 seconded that Water Items P-1, P-2, and P-3 be  
14 approved as recommended by the Public Staff. Are  
15 there any questions or discussion on that motion?

16 (No response)

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

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

1 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

3 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

5 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

7 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: And, for the record, I  
9 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.

10 (Motion carries)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Junis.

12 MR. JUNIS: Thank you.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: The Commission has before  
14 us for approval our minutes of September 27th, 2021  
15 Staff Conference. I'll take a motion, please.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
19 seconded that those minutes be approved. Any  
20 questions or discussion on the motion?

21 (No response)

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

24 (All Commissioners say aye)

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

2 (No response)

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: The minutes of  
4 September 27th are approved. Any additional business  
5 for the Commission this morning?

6 (No response)

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, we will be  
8 adjourned. Thank you very much, everybody. Let's go  
9 off the record, please.

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11 WHEREUPON, this Proceeding is adjourned.

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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.



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Tonja Vines