

# NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

January 3, 2023

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, January 3, 2023, 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, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Ms. Needham, Mr. McCoy

**PUBLIC STAFF:** Mr. Ayers, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Little, Ms. Boswell, Mr. Meda, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Metz, Mr. Nader, Mr. Michna, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hinton

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:** Tirrill Moore

**COURT REPORTER:** Ms. Mitchell

**ELECTRIC***AFFILIATE AGREEMENT***Dominion Energy North Carolina**

1. Docket No. E-22, Sub 633 – Application for approval to enter into affiliate agreement with Blue Ocean Energy Marine, LLC (Meda/Boswell/Lucas/Little)

On April 19, 2022, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or the Company) filed, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-153(b) and Regulatory Condition 3.1(a) as approved by the Commission's Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct) issued November 19, 2018, in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 551 and G-5, Sub 585 (Merger Order), an application for approval of an affiliate agreement (Charter Party) pursuant to which the Company will charter from Blue Ocean Energy Marine, LLC (Blue Ocean) the use of the *Charybdis* Wind Turbine Installation Vessel (WTIV) to transport and install the wind turbine generators (WTGs) for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Commercial Project (the Application).

The Public Staff stated that it had completed its review of the Charter Party and the order of VSCC and agreed with the opinion of the VSCC pertaining to the conditions for approval of the Charter Party. The Public Staff noted that in purchasing any goods or services, the Company will be held to the lower of cost or market standard.

In light of its review, the Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the Charter Party between DENC and Blue Ocean, subject to conditions.

Andrea Kells, Counsel at McQuire Woods, responded to questions from the Commission on behalf of the Applicant.

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

**NATURAL GAS***TARIFF MODIFICATION***Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.**

2. Docket No. G-5, Sub 655 – Motion to amend Transportation Pooling Agreement (*Nader/Holt*)

On December 19, 2022, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or Company), filed a petition pursuant to Commission Rule R1-5 seeking Commission authorization to amend the form Transportation Pooling Agreement of its Tariff (Petition).

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Petition.

The Public Staff recommended approval.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of December 19, 2022, were approved.

Julie Janson, Executive Vice President and CEO, Duke Energy Carolinas, introduced Kendal Bowman, North Carolina State President; Sam Holeman, Vice President, Transmission System Planning & Operations; Preston Gillespie, Executive Vice President, Chief Generation Officer and Enterprise Operational Excellence; Scott Batson, Senior Vice President and Chief Distribution Officer; Nelson Peeler, Senior Vice President and Chief Transmission Officer. The panel briefed the Commission on the temporary load restrictions placed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, on December 24, 2022, and answered the Commissioner's questions. During the briefing, Jack Jirack, Deputy General Counsel at Duke Energy Corporation, introduced Danielle Bennett, Counsel for Duke Energy to answer the Commissioner's questions regarding NERC Project 2021-07.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.