

1 PLACE: Watauga County Courthouse,  
2 Boone, North Carolina

3 DATE: October 24, 2017

4 DOCKET NO.: E-34, Sub 46

5 TIME IN SESSION: 7:00 P.M. TO 7:03 P.M.

6 BEFORE: Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty, Presiding

7 Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland

8 Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham

9 Commissioner James G. Patterson

10 Commissioner Lyons Gray

11 Commissioner Daniel G. Clodfelter

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14 IN THE MATTER OF:

15 Application of Appalachian State University,

16 d/b/a New River Light and Power Company,

17 for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges

18 for Electric Service in North Carolina

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1 A P P E A R A N C E S:

2 FOR NEW RIVER LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY:

3 (No appearance.)

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER BEATTY: Good evening. I am  
3 Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty, and with me tonight are  
4 Commissioners ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Jerry C. Dockham,  
5 James G. Patterson, Lyons Gray, and Daniel G. Clodfelter.  
6 I now call for hearing Docket Number E-34, Sub 46, which  
7 is the Application of Appalachian State University, doing  
8 business as New River Light and Power Company, which I'll  
9 -- I shall refer to as New River, for Adjustment of Rates  
10 and Charges to Electric Service in North Carolina.

11 On July 28, 2017, New River filed an  
12 Application to Adjust Retail Rates, along with supporting  
13 direct testimony of Edmond Miller, Sheree L. Brown, and  
14 Randall Halley. By its Application, New River requests  
15 authority to increase its rates for electric service in  
16 its service area in Watauga County, North Carolina.

17 On August 7, 2017, New River filed an Amendment  
18 to its Application to replace certain schedules contained  
19 in Exhibit B.

20 On August 14, 2017, New River filed a Second  
21 Amendment to its Application, replacing Exhibit B in its  
22 entirety.

23 On August 28, 2017, the Commission issued its  
24 Order Establishing a General Rate Case, Suspending Rates,

1 Scheduling Hearings, and Requiring Customer Notice. The  
2 purpose of this hearing this evening is to receive  
3 testimony from public witnesses addressing the proposed  
4 rate adjustment. Pursuant to that same August 28, 2017  
5 Order, an evidentiary hearing has been scheduled in  
6 Raleigh on January 9, 2018, to hear the witnesses of the  
7 parties.

8 On October 18, 2017, New River filed a Third  
9 Amendment to its Exhibit B amending language and Rate  
10 Schedules LEDL, OL, R, and G. As of today, neither  
11 interventions nor consumer statements of position have  
12 been filed in this docket. This brings us to the hearing  
13 before us tonight.

14 Pursuant to the State Government Ethics Act,  
15 I'll remind all members of the Commission of our duty to  
16 avoid conflicts of interest, and inquire if any  
17 Commissioner has a known conflict of interest with regard  
18 to the matter coming before the Commission tonight?

19 (No response.)

20 Let the record reflect that no conflicts were  
21 identified, so we will proceed, and I'll call on parties  
22 to announce their appearances for the record.

23 MS. CULPEPPER: Good evening. I'm Elizabeth  
24 Culpepper with the Public Staff appearing on behalf of

1 the Using and Consuming Public.

2 COMMISSIONER BEATTY: Good evening, Ms.

3 Culpepper. And New River Light and Power does not have  
4 an attorney present. Has the Public Staff identified any  
5 witnesses?

6 MS. CULPEPPER: I'm not aware of any witnesses.

7 COMMISSIONER BEATTY: For the record, I will  
8 inquire, is there anyone present in the hearing room this  
9 evening who wishes to testify as a public non-expert  
10 witness in this matter?

11 (No response.)

12 Let the record reflect that no one came forward  
13 to testify.

14 Is there anything else, Ms. Culpepper, we need  
15 to consider this evening?

16 MS. CULPEPPER: No, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER BEATTY: That being the case, we  
18 are adjourned.

19 (The hearing was adjourned.)

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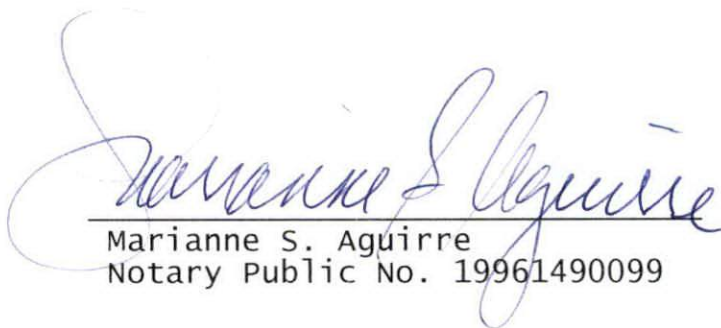
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COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Marianne S. Aguirre, Notary Public/Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No. E-34, Sub 46, was taken and transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of said Hearing.

I do further certify that I am not of counsel for, or in the employment of either of the parties to this action, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 6th day of November, 2017.



Marianne S. Aguirre  
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