

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

May 31, 2022

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, May 31, 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. Fennell, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Webb-Shackleford, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Ms. Burns, Mr. Hardy, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Mr. Ayers, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Ms. Jost, Mr. Creech, Ms. Culpepper, Ms. Keyworth, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Maness, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Boswell, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Nader, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Patel

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

ELECTRIC

AFFILIATED POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT (Boswell/Lawrence/Little)

Dominion Energy North Carolina

1. Docket No. E-22, Sub 607 – Application of Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Purchase and Sale Agreement (collectively, the Agreements) with affiliate Tredegar Solar, LLC.

On May 11, 2022, DENC filed a Report memorializing discussions between the Company and the Public Staff regarding the allocation of costs associated with the PPA for which the Company seeks approval in this proceeding.

The Public Staff has completed its review of the Agreements, the order of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC), and the Report filed by DENC, and agrees with the VSCC's order pertaining to the requirements for approval of the PPA, with the addition of the allocation of costs associated with the PPA as filed on May 11, 2022. The Public Staff requests that if the RECs are to be utilized for compliance with the North Carolina REPS statute in the future, the Company file for Commission approval of the purchase of RECs under the REC Purchase and Sales Agreement.

The Public Staff recommended that the Power Purchase Agreement and Renewable Energy Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement are approved, subject to the conditions recommended by the Public Staff, as enumerated in the body of the Order issued in this docket on May 31, 2022, and that should any of the RECs be utilized for compliance with the North Carolina REPS statute in the future, DENC shall file for Commission approval of the purchase of RECs under the REC Purchase and Sales Agreement.

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

NATURAL GAS

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRACKER (Nader/Patel/Culpepper)

Frontier Natural Gas Company

2. Docket No. G-40, Sub 166 – Application for adjustment of rates and charges to track changes in wholesale costs of gas.

On May 20, 2022, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier or Company) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4, Commission Rule R1-17(k)(3), and Appendix A of Frontier's Gas Service Rules & Regulations, seeking authority to increase its sales rates by \$2.00 per dekatherm (dt) effective June 3, 2022.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and the rate changes reflected on Schedule A.

The Public Staff recommended that Frontier is authorized to increase its sales rates by \$2.00 per dt effective for service rendered on and after June 3, 2022.

Nathan Bell, Controller at Frontier Natural Gas, and Taylor Younger, Regulatory Compliance Engineer at Frontier Natural Gas, responded to questions from the Commission on behalf of the Applicant.

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

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of May 23, 2022 were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.