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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Antonia Dunston Interim Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 781

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing are the Affidavits of Publication for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Public Notice of Temporary Rates, which was approved in Ordering Paragraph No. 3 in the October 14, 2021 Order Approving Public Notice of Interim Rates Subject to Refund and Financial Undertaking.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Jeffries James H. Jeffries

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

/s/ Sloane K. O'Hare Sloane K. O'Hare





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# President faces critical two weeks for agenda

Getting key wins before Europe trip now urgent

Jonathan Lemiro and Zeke Miller

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Biden and his fellow Democrats are struggling to bridge intraparty divides by month's end to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill and a larger social services package. The president hopes to nail down both before alt Force One lifts off for Europe on Oct. 28 for a pair of world leader summits, including an ombitious climate change meeting.

But that goal has been jeopardized by fractures among Democrats, imperiling the fate of promised sweeping new efforts to grapple with climate change.

Biden is trying to stabilize his presidency after a difficult stretch marked by the tumultous end of the Afghanistan war, a diplomatic spat with a longtime ally and a surge in COVID-19 cares that rattled the nation's economic recovery and sent his poil numbers tumbling.

His team has continued its strategy of blocking out the outside noise to stay focused on a singular mission, this time to pass the two-part package that will give Democrats a platform on which to run in next years midterm elections.

These bills, in my view, are illerally about competitiveness versus complacency, about opportunity versus decay, and about leading the world move by us," Biden



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said Friday while pushing the legisla-tion in Connecticut.
Yet beneath the White House's pleas for pattence – reminding people that hard things take time – is a bubbling sense of urgency that a deal needs to be struck rapidly.
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For the White House, there are the explicit target dates, including an end-of-month deadline on transportation funding and Bideris upcoming foreign trip for a world leader summit in Rome and the climate summit in Scotland. But there are also more abstract Imperatives: proving Democrats can deliver on their promises to voters and protecting Bideris waning political capital.

With new urgency, the administration has sent signals to Capitol Hill in recent days that it is time to wrap up negotiations, according to two White House officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

West Wing officials are still optimistic that an agreement will ultimately be struck, but there are also fears that the messy, drawn-out negotiation has clouded the tangible benefits of what Biden aims to deliver to

The fate of climate change provi-sions is particularly perilous. The Democrats razor-thin margins in both houses of Congress have empowered individual lawmakers like West Virgiindividual law makers like West Virgi-na Sen. Joe Manchin and Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who have reserva-tions about the provisions. White House aides are exploing alternate means to string together a mix of pol-icies to cut emissions, officials said. Abandoning the provisions could wound Biden to flasgow, at a summit that the administration has held out as a vital opportunity not just to combat climate change but to reassert U.S. leadership on the Issue,

## Russia suspends its NATO mission

MOSCOW—Russia said Monday it's suspending its mission at NATO and also ordered the closure of the allianc-ic's office in Moscow in retaliation to NATO's expulsion of Russian diplo-

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Earlier this month, NATO withdrew the accreditation of eight Russian offi-cials to deny them access to its Brus-sels headquarters, saying it believes they have been secretly working as in-telligence officers. NATO also halved the size of Moscow's team at its head-quarters from 20 to 10.

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Minister Sergey Lawrov announced
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announcing the suspension of Russia's
missionat RATO and the closure of the
alliance's military lialson and
information offices in the Russian cap-

He charged that the alliance's ac-tion has confirmed that "NATO isn't in-terested in any kind of equal dialogue or joint work," adding that "we don't see any need to keep pretending that there could be any shift in the foresee-able future."

able future."

"As a result of NATO's deliberate moves, we have practically no conditions for elementary diplomatic work and in response to NATO's actions we suspend the work of our permanent mission to NATO, including the work of the chief military envoy, probably from Nov.1.0 rt may take several more days," Lavrov sald.

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after November 1, 2021, Piedmont Natural NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after November 1, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Ino. (Pedmont), Intends to Implement increased rates and charges on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pursuant to authority granted to Piedmont under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135. The statute authorities public undires to Implement temporary rules, subject to refund, under certain conditions. The statute does not require the approval of such temporary rules by the North Cavolina Utilities Commission. The temporary increase to be implemented by Piedmont will reflect an increase in base revenues of approximately \$57 million annually, and an additional charge in Piedmont's gas cost revenues of approximately \$6.9 million annually.

On March 22, 2021, Piedmont filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. G-B, Sub 781 requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates and charges for natural gas service to produce additional overall annual North Carolina retail revenues of approximately \$100 million, an increase of approximately (1.45) over current revenues.

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On the next page is a table with the temporary revenue increase by customer class.

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Yotal	\$1,112,696,326	673,933,573	\$1,186,629,898	8.6%

The proposed temporary rales would increase the average monthly bill (excluding state soles tai) oil a residential customer by \$5.48, which is a 7.8% increase. The change in average bill will vary with each customer's level of natural gas usage.

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This the 14th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Muckey de Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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# Docket No. Tests 78 Texas relationship tightening

### EV maker deepens ties in oil and gas country

Bob Sechler and Kara Carlson Austin American-Statesma USA TODAY NETWORK

It seems like an unlikely marilage: Tesla, the world's biggest electric auto-maker, moving its headquarters to Tex-as - where the oil and gas industry is etched in the state's DNA and where, unless something changes, Tesla isn't even allowed to sell its vehicles directly

to customers.

On the other hand, Bion Musk – the On the other hand, him witsk—the high-profile leader of Tesls, SpaceX and a number of other companies—has steered many of his operations to the Lone Star State over the past few years, making Tesla's headquarters merely the latest such move.

Musk has overseen development of a Musk has overseen development of a launch facility for SpaceX rockets on the Gulf Coast near Brownsville, picked Travis County as the site for Tesla's next bellion-dollar assembly plant and even became a Toxan himself in late 2020 by relocating his personal residence to the

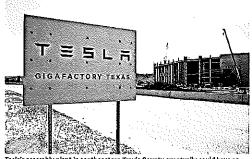
state.

His actions, capped by the Oct. 7 announcement that Tesla is moving its headquarters to Austin, have prompted pienty of crowing among Texas politicians and economic development officials eggs for examples of the state's vaunted business climate prevailing over that of California – which had been Musk's longtime base of operations – and other refuse of the country.

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"Texas is the land of opportunity and innovation," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a written statement heralding Tesla's headquarters announcement. There's little doubt that Musk, who is considered one of the two richest people in the would with an estimated net worth over \$200 billion, stands to beneworth over \$200 bullon, stanus to bene-fit substantially from his move to Texas. The state doesn't have an income tax — compared with California's personal in-come tax rate of 13.3% for the highest

earners.

Musk also engaged in a public spat
with California officials in May 2020 –
and first raised the prospect of pulling



Tosla's assembly plant in southeastern Travis County eventually could have as many as 10,000 workers, according to the company. JAY JANNER/AMERICAN-STATESMAN

up stakes - over local coronavirus-relat-ed restrictions that shut down Tesla's factory there for a short time. He's likely to find officials who are more sympa-thetic to his coronavirus views in Texas, where Abbott has opposed various pan-demic-related mandates and recently issued an order almed at preventing pri-vate businesses from requiring that em-ployees be vaccinated.

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Still, California has been no slouch when it comes to fostering business ac-tivity and economic growth, actually outpacing Texas in the five years prior to the pandemic. California's gross domes-the product ribined by a plout 21% from

the pandemic California's gross domestie product climbed by about 21% from
2015 through 2019, according to figures
from the U.S. Bureau of Economic
Analysis, compared with a 15% growth
rate in Texas.
In addition, when Musk announced
the Tesla headquarters relocation to
Austin, he said that California will remain a big part of the company's plans.
To be clear, we will be continuing to
expand our activities in California,
where Tesla has a major vehicle assembly plant in the city of Fremont in Silicon
Valley, he said. "Our intention is to Increase output from Fremont and (from
Tesla's Nevada battery factory) by 50%."
That comes as no surprise to Marc

Geller, a board member of the Electric Auto Association, who said Tesia is going to need all of its production facilities to keep up with strong demand for electric vehicles nationwide.

"I think Tesia – more specifically Elon – liked the notion of just kind of splitting in the eye of California" by moving the company's headquarters, Geller said. "But it's still going to (have) a big presence in both states because Tesia's going to be a really big presence in the country."

Tax breaks from Travis County and the Del Valle school district, valued at over \$50 million combined, helped seal

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Likewise, millons of dollars in pub-licly funded incentives have helped lure SpaceX to Texas.

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As for the decision to move Tesla's headquarters out of California, Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush Securities, said the West Coast state's high cost of living, including housing prices and taxes, played a big role. But he also said 'growing tensions between Musk and (regulators with) the state of California and the city of Fremont' likely were factors.

Matt Holm, president of the Tesla

Owners Club of Austin and a longtime Musk observer, agreed with that assess-ment, saying he thinks the die was cast when Musk first threatened to leave

when Musk first threatened to leave California nearly 18 months ago.

When Elion said, J arm done with California, I am pretty sure he made up his mind then, Hoin said. It was just kind of a formality at that point.

Musk has chafed against California's government bureaucracy. But he's also got a big regulatory headache looming in Texas – the fact that Texal is prohibited from selling its electric vehicles directly to buyers in the state because of a state law mandating that euto sales go through third-party franchised dealerships.

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As a result of the Texas regulations, Tesia is facing the prospect of having to ship vehicles built at its new Travis County factory across state lines first— so they don't count as in-state sales— before bringing them back for delivery to customers in Texas. The company's business model forgoes third-party franchised dealerships and instead re-lies on direct-to-consumer sales over the internet, a strategy that doesn't

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Testa – and Musk himself – have tried for years to get the Texas regulations changed, but have been unsuccessful so far. A number of observers say they expect Testa's huge investment in the Travis County factory, combined with its recent headquarters relocation, to finally tip the political scales in Musk's favor.

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"I think it's going to be incredibly awkward, both for Tesla and for the government of the state of Texas, for (Tesla's) cars to have to leave the state before they can be sold in the state" once production at the factory begins, said Geller, of the Electric Auto Association.

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But the Texas Automobile Dealers Association, which has long defended the regulations, isn't ready to throw in the lowel.

the towel.

Froponents of the restrictions contend they safeguard consumers by pteventing vehicle manufacturers from establishing monopolies. Critics say
they're protectionist measures that enshrine owners of dealerships as thirdparty intermediaries.

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RATES

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The increases within the above-listed rate classes vary by rate schedule

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"We have lost a remarkable and lov-ing husband, father and grandfather and a great American," the family sald, Powell had been treated at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda,

Maryland.

Peggy Clifrino, Powell's longtime aide, said he had been treated over the past few years for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer. The Powell family's social media post did not address whether Powell had any underlying illnesses.

Multiple myeloma impairs the body's ability to fight infection, and studies have shown that those cancer patients don't get as much protection from the COVID-19 vaccines as healther people.

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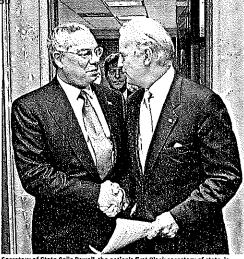
Noting Powell's rise from a childhood in a fraying New York City nelphorhood, Biden said, "He believed in the promise of America because he lived it. And he devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others."

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Flags were lowered at the White House and State Department.

After the 9/11 attacks in 2001, Powell was the first American official to publicate the state of the st

the administration's case that Saddam indeed posed a major regional and global threat in a speech to the U.N. Security Council in February 2003. The following month, Bush gave the go-shead for the invasion. The U.N. speech, replete with Powell's display of a vial of what he said could have been a biological weapon, was seen as a low point in his career, although he had removed some elements from the remarks that he deemed to



Secretary of State Colin Powell, the nation's first Black secretary of state, is shown in 2002 shaking hands with then chairman of the Senate Foreign Relati Committee Joe Biden on Capitol Hill. Powell died Monday from complications from COVID-19, his family said. SMANN THEM/AFP VIA GETTY MAGES

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Powell maintained in a 2012 interview with The Associated Press that on balance, the U.S. succeeded in Iraq. "Ithink we had a lot of successes," he said. "Iraq's terrible dictator is gone."

Saddam was captured by U.S. forces while hiding out in northern Iraq in December 2003 and later executed by the Iraqi government. But the war dragged on. President Barack Obama pulled U.S.

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"He was a great public servant" and widely respected at home and abroad," Bush sald. "And most Important, Colin was a family man and a friend. Laura and I send Alma and their children our sincere condolences as they remember the life of a great man."

Powell gained national prominence under Republican presidentis and considered a presidential bid of his own, but ultimately moved away from the party. He endorsed Democrats in the past four presidential elections, starting with Obama. He emerged as a vocal Donald Trump critic in recent years, de-

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scribing Trump as "a national disgrace" who should have been removed from office through impeachment. Following the Jan. 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol, Powell said he no longer considered himself a Republican.

No child of privilege, Powell rose through the military ranks and then became the nation's chief diplomat. "Mine is the story of a black kild of no early promise from an immigrant family of limited means who was raised in the South Bronx," he wrote in his 1995 auto-blography "My American Journey."

At City College, Powell discovered the ROTC. When he put on his first uniform, "Tikked what I saw," he wrote.

He joined the Army and in 1962 he was one of more than 16,000 military advisers sent to South Vietnam by President John F. Kennedy, A series of promotions led to the Pentagon and assignment as a military assistant to Sectatry of Defense Caspar Weinberger, who became his unofficial sponsor. He later became commander of the Army's 5th Corps in Germany and later was national security assistant to President Ronald Reagan.

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Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, a retired Army general and the first Black Pentagon chlef, sald the news of Powell's death left "a hole in my heart."
"The would lost one of the greatest leaders that we have ever witnessed," Austin sald while traveling in Europe. "Alma lost a great husband, end the family lost a tremendous father, and I lost a tremendous personal frend and lost a tremendous personal friend and

Condoleezza Rice, Powell's successor

Condoleszza Rice, Powell's successor at State and the department's first black female secretory, praised him as "a trusted colleague and a dear friend through some very challenging times."
Powell's appearances at the United Nations as secretary of state, including his iraq speech, were often accompanied by fond reminiscing of his childhood in the city, where he grew up the child of Jamaican Immigrants who got one of his first jobs at the Pepsi-Cola bottling plant directly across the East River from the U.N. headquarters.

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781 | DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RATES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after November 1, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), intends to Implement Increased rates and charges on a temporary basis, subject to refund, pursuant to authority granted to Piedmont under N.O. Gen. Stat. § 62-135. The statute authorizes public utilities to implement temporary rates. subject to refund, under certain conditions. The statute does not require the approval of such temporary rates by the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The temporary increase to be implemented by Pledmont will reflect an increase in base revenues of approximately \$67 million annually and an additional change in Pledmont's gas cost revenues of approximately \$6.9 million annually.

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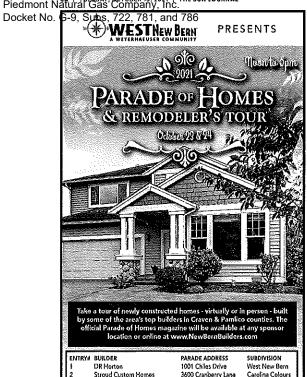
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The statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was removed from a Dallas pa In 2017, It is now on display at a golf resort in West Texas, ASHLEY LANDIS/AP

## Removed Lee statue lands at Texas resort

TERLINGUA, Texas - A statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee that the city of Dallas removed from a park and later sold in an online auction is now on display at a golf resort in West

The bronze sculpture, which was removed from the Dallas park in Sep-tember 2017, is now at the Lajitas Golf

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The 1935 sculpture by Alexander Phimister Proctor was among several Lee monuments around the U.S. that were removed from public view amid

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The artwork, which depicts Lee and another soldier on horses, was kept in storage at Dallas' Hensley Fleid, the former Naval Alf Station, until it was sold in 2019. Holmes Firm

PC made the top offer for the sculpture, according to documents from the Dallas City Council.

Teilingua, which is in Brewster County near Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande, has less than 100 residents and no record of Black residents, according to recent census data. Black people make up just 17% of the population of Brewster County, according to census data.

Beasley told the Chronicle the statue serves no intent but to preserve "a fabulous piece of art."

"I would say that of the 60-plusthousand guests we host each year, we've hade one or two negative comments," he said.

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"We don't glorify the swastika; we don't have mouments (of) Adolf Hil-

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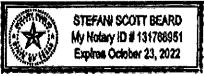
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# Tesla, Texas relationship tightening

EV maker deepens ties in oil and gas country

Bob Sechler and Kara Carlson

It seems like an unlikely marriage: Tesla, the world's biggest electric auto-maker, moving its headquarters to Tes-as – where the oil and gas industry is etched in the state's DNA and where, unless something changes, Tesla isn't even allowed to sell its vehicles directly to customes.

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Musk has overseen development of a
launch facility for SpaceX rockets on the
Gulf Coast near Brownsville, picked
Travls County as the site for Tesla's next
billion-dollar assembly plant and even
became a Texan himself in late 2020 by relocating his personal residence to the

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His actions, capped by the Oct. 7 announcement that Tesia is moving its headquarters to Austin, have prompted pienty of crowing among Texas spoliticians and economic development officials eager for examples of the state's vaunted bustness climate prevailing over that of California – which had been Musk's longtime base of operations – and other regions of the country.

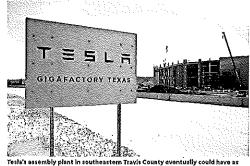
"Texas is the land of opportunity and innovation," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a written statement heralding Tesla's headquarters announcement.

There's little doubt that Musk, who is considered one of the two richest people in the world with an estimated net worth over \$200 billion, stands to benefit substantially from his move to Texas.

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earners.

Musk also engaged in a public spat
with California officials in May 2020 —
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Testa's assembly plant in southeastern Travis County eventually could have as many as 10,000 workers, according to the company. JAY JAYNER/AMERICAN STATESM

up stakes – over local coronavirus-relat-ed restrictions that shut down Tesla's factory there for a short time. He's likely to find officials who are more sympa-thetic to his coronavirus views in Texas, where Abbott has opposed various pan-demic-related mandates and recently issued an order aimed at preventing pri-vate businesses from requiring that em-

ployees be vaccinated. Still, California has been no slouch Still, California has been no slouch when it comes to fostering business activity and economic growth, actually outpacing Texas in the five years pilot to the pandemic California's gross domestic product climbed by about 21% from 2015 through 2019, according to figures from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, compared with a 15% growth rate in Texas.

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Geller, a board member of the Electric Auto Association, who sold Tesla is go-ing to need all of its production facilities to keep up with strong demand for elec-tric vehicles nationwide.

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"I think Tesla – more specifically Elon
– liked the notion of just kind of spitting
in the eye of California" by moving the
company's headquarters, Geller said.
"But it's still going to (have) a big presence in both states because Tesla's going to be a really big presence in the

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Tax breaks from Travis County and the Del Valle school district, valued at wore \$60 million combined, helped seal the deal to build the new factory in the

Austin area.
Likewise, millions of dollars in publicly funded incentives have helped hure SpaceX to Texas.
As for the decision to move Tesla's headquarters out of California, Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush Securities, said the West Coast state's high cost of living, including housing prices and taxes, played a big role. But he also sald "growing tensions between Musk and (regulators with) the state of California and the city of Termont' likely fornia and the city of Fremont' likely

Matt Holm, president of the Tesla

Owners Club of Austin and a longtime Musk observer, agreed with that assess-ment, saying he thinks the die was cast when Musk first threatened to leave

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"When Elon said, I' am done with California,' I am pretty sure he made up his mind then,' Holm said. I't was just kind of a formality at that point."

Musk has chafed against California's government bureaucray, But he's also got a big regulatory headache looming in Texas – the fact that Teals is prohibited from selling its electric vehicles directly to buyers in the state because of a state law mandating that auto sales go state law mandating that auto sales go through third-party franchised dealer-

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Texla—and Musk limsed!—have tried for years to get the Texas regulations changed, but have been unsuccessful so far. A number of observers any they expect Texla's huge investment in the Travis County factory, combined with its recent headquarters relocation, to finally tip the political scales in Musk's favor.

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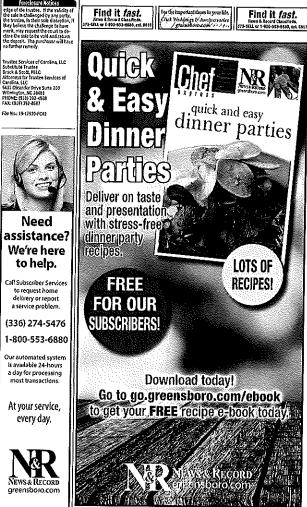
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Sure, take candy from the homicidal clown High Point Enterprise Weather



LAURA GAEDNE! HPE

Tyler Fitz, dressed as the scary clown character Pennywise from the movie "IT", dis-tributes candy to kids as they trunk and treat at Saturday's Halloween Spooky Hoopla held at the High Point Athletic Complex. The event was hosted by the Guilford County Parks & Recreation and featured a costume contest, hay rides,

## Powell, trailblazing general, dies

BY ROBERT BURNS, ERIC TUCKER AND EILEEN PUTMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Colin Powell, the

WASHINGTON — Coun Powell, the barrier-breaking soldier and diplomat who served Democratic and Republican presidents in war and peace, died Monday, He was 84.

In announcing his death from complications of COVID-19, Powell's family said he had been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, but Peggy Clirino, Powell's longtime aide, said Powell had been treated over the past few years for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that impairs the body's ability to fight infection. Studies have shown that those cancer patients don't get as much protection from the COVID-19 vaccines as healthler people. mantouching instead iron complications of COVID-19. Powell's family said he had been fully accidated against the coronavirus, but Peggy Cifrino, Powell's longtime aide, said Powell had been treated over the past few years for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that impairs the body's ability to fight infection. Studies have shown that those cancer patients don't get as much protection from the COVID-19 vaccines as healtheir people.

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## Woman who was Thelma Lou on 'Andy Griffith' dies at age 95

BYTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MOUNT AIRY — Betty Lynn, the film and television actor who was best known for her role as Barney Fife's sweetheart Thelma Lou on "The Andy Griffith Show," has died. She was 95.
Lynn dled peacefully Saturday after a brief illness, The Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy announced.
Lynn appeared as Thelma Lou on the show from 1961 until 1966. She reprised her role in the made-for-TV movie "Return to Mayberry," in which Thelma Lou and Barney got married.
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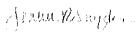
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## Airstrikes hit capital of Tigray

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NAIROBI, Kenya - New airstrikes hit the capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region and another community on Wednesday, as video from Mekele showed injured people with bloodled faces being rushed to vehicles and thick black smoke rising in the sky. Ethiopia's government said it targeted facilities to make and repair weapons, which a spokesman for the rival Tigray forces denied.

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The war has ground on for nearly a year between Ethiopian and allied forces and the Tigray ones who long dominated the national government before a failing-out with Prima Minister Ably Ahmed, the 2019 Nobel Peace

Prize winner.

At least 14 people were Injured in the airstrikes in Mekele, with three in critical condition, said Hayelom Kebede, the former director of Tigray's flagship Ayder Referral Hospital.

"Indeed there have been airstrikes in Mekele today," Ethiopian government spokesman Legesse Tulu told the Associated Press, saying they targeted facilities at the Mesfin Industrial Engineering site that Tigray forces use geted facilities at the Mesfin Industrial Engineering site that Tigray forces use to make and repair heavy weapons. Legesse said the airstrikes had "no intended harm to civilians." Another airstrike hours later hit Agbe between the communities of Hagere Selam and Temblen, he said, calling the site a "center of military training and heavy artillery depot." A Tigray spokesman denied the Mekele site was related to weapons. "Not at all," Kindeya Gebrehiwot told the AP, calling it a garage "with many old tires. That is why it is still blazing."

# Pandemic report urges **Bolsonaro to be indicted**

Brazil's Senate: COVID response was criminal

Débora Álvares and Diane Jeantot ASSOCIATEO PRESS

BRASILIA, Brazil - A Brazilian senator has formally presented a report recommending President Jair Bolsonaro be Indicted on criminal charges for allegedly bungling Brazil's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and pushing the country's death toll to the second-highest in the world.

The nearly 1,200-page report by Sen. Renan Calhelros is based on six months of work by the committee investigating the government's manage-

when we want to the construction of the pandemic and was made available on the Senate's electronic system Wednesday. It calls for Bolsonaro to be Indicted on a series of charges, from charlatanism and incling crime all the way up to crimes against humanity.

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The report can still be modified before the committee vote on Oct. 26, and the decision on whether to file most of the charges would be up to Brazil's prosecutor-general, who was appointed by the president.

Recommended charges also include misuse of public funds and "prevarication," which entails delaying or refining from action required as part of a public official's duty for reasons of personal interest, nius several others.

a public official's duty for reasons of personal interest, plus several others. Bolsonaro has denied any wrongdoing and has repeatedly accused the investigation of being a political instrument aimed at sabotaging him. Critics have denounced Bolsonaro for downplaying COVID-19's severity, ignoring international guidelines on masks and restrictions on activity de-



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro says the investigation into his handling of COVID-19 was politically motivated. ERALDO PERES/AP

signed to prevent the coronavirus' spread, touting unproven treatments, and delaying acquisition of vaccines. Anger over the president's response prompted creation in April of the Senate committee, which has investigated allegations that Bolsonero's management of the pandemic caused many of Brazil's more than 600,000 deaths from the disease caused by the virus.

The document has to be approved by the committee before being sent to the office of the prosecutor-general, who

office of the prosecutor-general, who would decide whether to carry forward the investigation and eventually pursue charges. In Brazii, members of congressional committees can investigate but don't have the power to indict.

Even during the worst throes of the pandemic, Bolsonaro steadfastly rejected restrictions on activity, claiming the poor would suffer worse hardship if the

economy ground to a halt. He continues to argue that the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine is effective in treating COVID-19, though broad, major studies have found it to be ineffective and potentially dangerous.

During six months of investigation, senators obtained thousands of documents and heard testimony from more than 60 people.

The committee "collected evidence that abundantly demonstrated that the

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that abundantly demonstrated that the federal government was silent and chose to act in a non-technical and reckless manner," the report says.

An earlier draft of the report had recommended the president be indicted for homicide and genocide, though those two were scrapped in the face of opposition from committee members and concern that bombastic claims could undermine the report's credibility.

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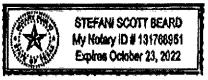
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## Canes coach shuffled lines to change 'bad movie' he was watching

BY CHIP ALEXANDER

Rod Brind'Amour has a touch of gray halr just above his forehead, and more than when he first became head coach of the

became head coach of the Carolina Hurricanes. Asked recently how he has changed as coach since 2018, Brind'Amour, with a hint of a smile, mentioned the wrinkles

mentloned the wrinkles and the stress that comes with the Job.
Told he was the Jack Adams Award winner last season as NHL coach of the year, Brind'Amour sald, "I'd forgotten about that. That was nice, actually."

tually."
A big part of Brind'Amour's job as coach is much the same as when he played — figuring out, in games and on the fly, what's working and what's not and making the right decisions on both. Good coaches usu-

both. Good coaches usually make good decisions.

"Sometimes, you can't keep watching the same bad movie," Brind 'Amour said Monday.

Case in point the Canes' 3-2 road win Saturday over the Nashville Predators.

The Canes didn't generate much offense in the second period, which ended with the teams tied 1-1. Other than allowing a Jesper Fast goal in the 1-1. Other than allowing a lesper Fast goal in the first period, Freds goalle Jusse Saros was rock solid in net and the Preds spending a lot of time in the Canes' zone. So Brind'Amour, as he put it, "Shiffed the deck."

Brind'Amour broke up Sebastian Aho's line, moving Martin Necas on

to Vincent Troceck's line and Jesperi Kotkanlemi to Derek Stepan's line, Teu-vo Teravainen left the Trocheck line to Join Aho, and Brind'Amour also shifted Jordan Martinook off Stepan's line to Aho's

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"When I see us not playing the game the way we need to play it, I've got to do something as a coach, whether it works or not," Brind'Amour said Monday, "Igat a little jump start for the group." The Trocheck line delivered in the third. Trocheck won a faceoff in the defensative zone to defensema Brett Pesce, who flipped the puck high and toward the neutral zone. When the Preds' Alexandre Carrier fumbled the puck, Necas grabbed it in transition and made a perfect scrup pass to Andrel Svechnikov for the sories and knowled second. nikov for the score and lead with six minutes left in regulation. Teravainen would later

score an empty-net goal for a 3-1 lead -- Pesce again with the assist. Martinook started the

Marthook started the game on the fourth line, which gave Brind' Amour consistent shifts. By the third, the winger was playing with Aho and Teravainen. "To get some energy, a little more pace," Brind' Amour sald. "Just a different look for them." Aho and Teravainen have often played togeth.

have often played togeth-er. Adding Martinook was a new element, displaying Martinook's versatility and the trust Brind'A-

mour has in him.
"I thought we played a
pretty solid third period,"
Aho said Monday. "We
had some good chances.

'Marty' works a lot, goes to the net, checks hard, just makes your job a little easier. You get a lot of loose pucks here and there you can pick up and it's our me and Trubo' to make some plays there.' At Monday's practice, Martinook was back on Stepan's line. Necas and Svechnikov were on Trocheck's line, Neta and Strain's line, with Fast and Nino Niederreiter on the wings, was unchanged, just as it was during Saturday's game.

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"They make It easy for me," said Fast, who has two goals in the first two games. "They're hard on the puck and strong."
Brind Amour gave Aho's line a new twist Monday: Teravainen and Kotkaniemi on the wings, the three Finns together. But Brind'Amour quickly noted the Canes don't play until Thursday in Montreal against the Canadiens.
Translation: Don't read too much into it, which is a common Brind'Amour effrain.

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"We're still bouncing things around a little bit," he sald. "Tha's the good part about having a good team, not worrying so much about matchups and getting guys caught out against other players. You can kind of afford to play anybody against anyone. That's when you have a good team, so have a good team, so we're definitely getting there."

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Ecuador's Jordy Alcivar (5) will Join Charlotte FC as part of its inaugural MLS roster.

## Charlotte FC MLS team adds Jordy Alcívar to soccer roster

BY ALEX ANDREJEY

Charlotte FC has added another international name to its inaugural roster. The expansion Major League Soccer team announced Monday that Ecuadorian central midfielder Jordy Alcívar will join Charlotte FC on a four-way contract with

will join Charlotte FL on a four-year contract with an additional option year. Alcivar will occupy one of eight international roster slots for the team set to begin competition in 2022. He becomes the second player from South America to Join Charlotte FC, Joining Uruguayan center back Guzmán

Corujo. Alcívar, a native of Activar, a native or Manta, Ecuadur, has been a fixture at Ecua-dorian club LDU Quito since early in his profes-sional career. He's scored five goals and notched six assists in 83 appearances for the club competing in Serie A, the top level of Ecuadorian men's professional soccer. He also started all six matches of LDU's Copa Libertadores run this season.

Once the MIS trade Once the MLS trade window opens, Chalcute FC will complete a deal with FG Clinchmati for Alctrar's discovery rights in exchange for \$100,000 in General Allocation Money (CAM). His move is pending his medical evaluation and receipt of his P-1 visa and International Transfer Certificate.

Transfer Certificate Alcivar is expected to report for Charlotte FC's preseason in January after completing the season with LDU Quito that runs through De-cember, but he could be playing at Bank of Amer-ica Stadium well before then in an international friendly for Ecuador. Ecuador's men's national

team is scheduled to play Mexico in Charlotto on Oct. 27.
Although Alcivar has not yet made an appearance for Ecuador's senior team, he has been a member of the country's youth national team, making four appearances for the U-20 at the South American Championships that qualified Ecuador to the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup (third-place finish). Charlotte FC sporting director Zoran Kmeta said in a statement that club leadership identified a player with expecience in "big moments" for club and country. "(Alcivar) brings balance to our middleid and can control the game with and without the bail at his feet, "Kmeta said. "He comes from a well-respected league in South America and is very experienced for a player of his age."
Alcivar becomes Charlotte FC's eighth player and contributes to a team full of International talent that includes Corulo, Polish defender Jan Sobocidski, Spanish mid-fielder Sergio Ruiz, Australian midfielder Riley McGree, Austrian defender Christian Puchs and two US-born players, defender Adam Arnour and midfielder. Brandt Bronico

Spanish coach Miguel Angel Ramirez will be the club's head coach.

CHARLOTTE FC PLAYER

PACTS
Name: Jordy Alctvar
Position: Midfielder
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 140
Date of Birth; August
5, 1999

5, 1999 Age: 22 Birthplace/Home-town: Manta, Ecuador Last Club: LDU Quito

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722 DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 783 DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY ONEN that on or after November 1, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Conpany, Inc. (Piedmont), Intends to Implement increased rates and charges on a temporary badis, subject to refund, pursuant to suburby synants to Piedmont under N.O. One. 15, 562-163. The stathes authorizes public utilities to implement lemporary rates, subject to refund under creative conditions. The stathed does not require the approved of such impropary pied by the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The temporary increase to be implemented by Fiedmont will reflect an increase in his ser centure of approximately \$50 million annually and an additional change in Fiedmont ages cost revenues of approximately \$50 million annually.

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Medium General Service	\$46,058,357	\$3,540,282	\$49,598,639	7.7%
Outdoor Gas Light Service	\$102,158	\$7,178	\$109,336	7.0%
Natural Gas Vehicles – Company Stations	\$1,095,716	\$75,561	\$1,171,276	6.9%
Larga Firm General Service	\$46,902,845	\$2,730,447	\$49,633,292	5.8%
Large Interruptible General Service	\$28,495,125	\$(690,479)	\$27,804,647	(2.4)%
Military Transport Service	\$2,278,997	\$210,337	\$2,459,334	9.2%
Special Contracts	\$128,858,955	\$(32,136)	\$126,824,819	0.0%
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This the 14th day of October, 2021.

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Docket No. G-9, Sub722 Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said Docket No. G-9, Sub722 County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and Docket No. G-9, Sub781 authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Lori Spurling who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is Publisher of Lenoir newspaper known as Lenoir News-Topic, published, Newspapers, Inc., engaged in the publication of a notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the issued, and entered as second class mail in the City of which is attached hereto, was published in Lenoir News-Lenoir, in said County and State; that she is authorized Topic on the following dates Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GMRN that on or after November 1, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), Intends to Implement Increased rates and charges on a temporary basis, subject to refain, pursuant to authority granted to Predmont under Nat. Gen. Stat. 5 e2-135. The statule authorities public utilities to Implement temporary rates, subject to refund, under certain conditions. The statute does not require the approval of such temporary rates by the North Carolina Utilities Commission. This temporary increase to be implemented by Piedmont will reflect an increase in base revenues of approximately 50.7 million annually and an additional change in Piedmont's gas Cost revenues of approximately \$6.9 million annually.

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The temporary rates being implemented by Piedmont under the authority of M.C.G.S. § 52-135 are not final rates and remain subject to the Commission's final determination of the just and reasonable rates to be charged by Piedmont on a permanent basis.

The Commission held public hearings on Predmont's application on July 14, 2021, via Weber, th telephonic access. The hearing resumed and concluded on September 9, 2021.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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### EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATES

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This the 14th day of October, 2021.

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# Salisbury Post Publisher's Affidavit Of Publication

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **ROWAN COUNTY**

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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said county and state, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared WINFRED MEN-TION, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is ADVERTISING OPERATIONS MANAGER of the SALIS-BURY POST, published, issued and entered as second class mall in the city of Salisbury, in Rowan County, North Carolina, that he is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement, that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which was attached hereto, was published in the SALISBURY POST, on the following dates:

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and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper document or legal advertisement was published at the time of each and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina,

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The Democratic Party credited the endorsed candidates with working toward the porty's values of quality public education for all children, livable wages, sustainable economic development, protection of voter rights, economic and sociat equality and safe and affordable housing.

## Rowan County Republican Party, Sen. Carl Ford say they stand with Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson

The Rowan County Republican Party and Sen. Carl Ford have both posted to social media they're standing with Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson despite

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Dara Mallett, Dwayne
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who are all seeking
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Robbitton has since double-dewned on his comments, stating that his comments about the "sexualization of children from the classroom and our public education system" have been twisted "by the media and those on the left" to put the focus on lack of support for the LGBTQ community.

The images depicted in the video, Robbisson sald, represent books titled "George" by Allex Gino and "Gender Queer" by Maia Koabae, CBSIZ-com reported that both Wake County Public Schools System and Durham Public Schools for the books in their ilbraries, though they re not awayth our Lt. Governor," Ford told the Cust. "Everyone has freedom of speech... Everyone on both sides. Once anyone looks at the images, It flink you'li gree anyone looks at the images, It flink you'li gree.

Gov. Roy Cooper last week signed into law a bill sponsored by Rep. Harry Warren relating to damaging law enforcement vehicles. House Bill 761, co-sponsored by Warren, a Republican who rep-resents Rowan County, Increases the penalties for those who steal from or damage law enforcement vehicles and other equipment. It increases the penalties for bose who steal from the state of the

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State of North Carolina Utilities Commission Raleigh

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Residential Service	\$589,322,493	\$48,001,797	\$635,024,290	7.8%
Small General Service	\$271,553,579	\$22,090,585	\$293,674,265	81%
Medium General Service	\$45,058,357	\$3,549,282	\$49,598,639	7.7%
Outdoor Gas Light Service	\$102,158	\$7,178	\$109,328	7.0%
Natural Gas Vehicles - Company Stations	\$1,095,716	\$75,561	\$1,171,276	8.9%
Earge Firm General Service	\$46,902,845	\$2,730,447	\$49,633,292	5.8%
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Military Transport Service	\$2,278,997	\$210,337	\$2,489,334	92%
Special Contracts	\$126,656,955	\$(32,136)	\$126,824,819	0.6%
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### EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATES

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Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission 4326 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

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The Honorable Josh Stein Altorney General of North Carolina c/o Consumer Protection — Utilities 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Mille Resigler Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

## Software

## In other meeting business:

any one looks at the images, I think you'll agree with Mark Robinson's

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Rowan County,
Clarisa Sifford, a recruitment social worker with the Department of social Services, told commissioners Binti would help the department add new foster families to its roster.

"There is a need for foster families to its roster.

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"There is a need for foster families in would be good for Rowan County and for our youth," Sifford sald.

George Montgomery, a licensing social worker, sald Binti's software would help eliminate much of the paperwork that slows down the foster family licensing process, reducing the need for social workers to trek out to homes to deliver and receive paperwork.

The new software, Montgomery said, would also help the department afte a proactive approach in the diversity of families it can recruit.

The licensing fee for Binti's asoftware coats \$15,800 for 12 months. Funding for the software families and the pumbing approximately bit state.

Department of Social Services Director Michal Ennis said it is difficult to estimate when Binti's state.

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\* Commissioners approved a request to purchase body cameras for the bailiffs at the Rowan County Courthouse. The cameras will be purchased from Axon and will cost the county \$92.741 (including tax) over the next four years for the hardware and video storage. In a memo to commissioners, Sheriff Kevin Auten said, "There have been several occasions in which camera footoge would have benefited (Rowan County Sheriff's Office) personnel who were being complained on."

\* The board approved a contract with ADW Architects for \$27,500 for a space needs assessment study, programming and "high-level" muster planning related to the relocation of the Health Department, primarily located at 1811 E. Innes St., has space

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Commissioners approved a four-year contract worth \$50,000 per year with HDR Engineering for the company to provide general services and planning support to the Rowan County landfill.

The board took a moment to recognize Chaplain

The board took a moment to recognize Chuplain Michael Taylor and Michael P. Taylor for Clergy Appreciation Month. The father and son duo take turns leading the commissioners in prayer before each meeting.

Commissioners voted to cancel their second meeting in December.

### Ex-boyfrlend charged In woman's death

CHARLOTTE (AP)—A North Carolina woman who was reported missing last week has been found dead

in South Carolina, and authorities have charged her boyfriend in her death.

The body of LaPorscha Baldwin, 30, of Gastonia was found on Thursday by Fairfield County, South Carolina, sheriff's deputies, according to a news release from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. lenburg Police Department. Newsoutlets reported Bald-win was reported missing on Oct. 10 after failing to show up for work after hav-ing gone to church. Police said Baldwin had last been seen in Mecklen-burg County, and reports indicated her vehicle was

found abandoned on south-bound Interstate 85 be-tween Charlotte and Bel-

tween Charlotte and Bel-mont.

According to the news release, police in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, arrested Charles Williams Combs, 35, of Charlotte and charged him with first-degree murder. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police sald Combs is awaiting extradition to North Carolina.

### Wild horses on coast feasting on persimmons

COROLLA, N.C. (AP)— The wild horses on North Carolina's Outer Banks are in the midst of a fall feeding frenzy, and observers say persimmons are their over-whelming food of choice.

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund says on social media that the America)n persim-mon is a fruit-bearing tree native to the coast and can be found growing through-out where the horses roam. According to the organiza-tion, the fruit becomes ripe and sweet in the fall and becomes a source of food for

Horses can be seen walk-Horses can be seen war-ing up to the persimmon trees to pluck the fruit from branches, or they forage for the fruit when it falls to the ground. A video on the fund's Facebook page shows one horse feasting from a maximmon tree,

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The fund works to prothe fund works to pro-tect and manage the herd of Colonial Spanish Mustangs roaming the northern end of the barrier islands on the North Carolina coast.