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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
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cc: Elizabeth Culpepper
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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 2nd day of November, 2021.

/s/ Sloane K. O'Hare
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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and authorized to administer oaths, affirmations, etc., personally appeared said Legal Clerk. Who, being duly sworn or affirmed, according to law, doth depose and say that he/she is a LEGAL CLERK of DB North Carolina Holdings, Inc., a corporation organized and doing business under the Laws of the State of Delaware, and publishing a newspaper known as the FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, in the city of Fayetteville, County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina, and that as such he/she makes this affidavit; that he/she is familiar with the books, files and business of said Corporation and by reference to the files of said publication the attached advertisement was inserted in the aforesaid newspaper in space and on dates as follows:

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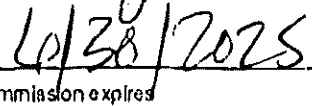
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President faces critical two weeks for agenda

Getting key wins before Europe trip now urgent

Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is entering a crucial two weeks for his ambitious agenda, racing to conclude contentious congressional negotiations ahead of both domestic deadlines and a chance to showcase his administration's accomplishments on a global stage.

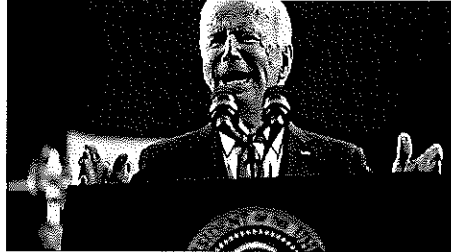
Biden and his fellow Democrats are struggling to bridge intraparty divides by month's end to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill and a larger social services package. The president hopes to nail down both before his Force One lifts off for Europe on Oct. 28 for a pair of world leader summits, including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

But that goal has been jeopardized by fractures among Democrats, impeding 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 tumultuous end of the Afghanistan war, a diplomatic spat with a longtime ally and a surge in COVID-19 cases that rattled the nation's economic recovery and sent his poll 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 year's midterm elections.

"These bills, in my view, are literally about competitiveness versus complacency, about opportunity versus decay, and about leading the world or continuing to let the world move by us," Biden



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said Friday while pushing the legislation in Congress.

Yet beneath the White House's pleas for patience — reminding people that hard things take time — is a bubbling sense of urgency that a deal needs to be struck rapidly.

For the White House, there are the explicit target dates, including an end-of-month deadline on transportation funding and Biden's 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 Biden's 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 voters.

The fate of climate change provisions is particularly perilous. The Democrats' razor-thin margins in both houses of Congress have empowered individual lawmakers like West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin and Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who have reservations about the provisions. White House aides are exploring alternate means to string together a mix of policies to cut emissions, officials said.

Abandoning the provisions could wound Biden in Glasgow, 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

Jin Heintz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russia said Monday it's suspending its mission at NATO and also ordered the closure of the alliance's office in Moscow in retaliation to NATO's expulsion of Russian diplomats.

Earlier this month, NATO withdrew the accreditation of eight Russian officials to deny them access to its Brussels headquarters, saying it believes they have been secretly working as intelligence officers. NATO also halved the size of Moscow's team at its headquarters from 20 to 10.

Moscow has dismissed the accusations as baseless, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov announced Moscow's response Monday, announcing the suspension of Russia's mission at NATO and the closure of the alliance's military liaison and information offices in the Russian capital.

He charged that the alliance's action has confirmed that "NATO isn't interested 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 foreseeable 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. Or it may take several more days," Lavrov said.

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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| Special Contracts | \$128,868,955 | \$32,139 | \$128,824,816 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$1,118,696,328 | \$73,998,979 | \$1,186,695,308 | 6.6% |

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EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATES

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Tesla, Texas relationship tightening

EV maker deepens ties in oil and gas country

Bob Sechler and Kara Carlson
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 USA TODAY NETWORK

It seems like an unlikely marriage: Tesla, the world's biggest electric automaker, moving its headquarters to Texas — 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, Elon Musk — the high-profile leader of Tesla, 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.

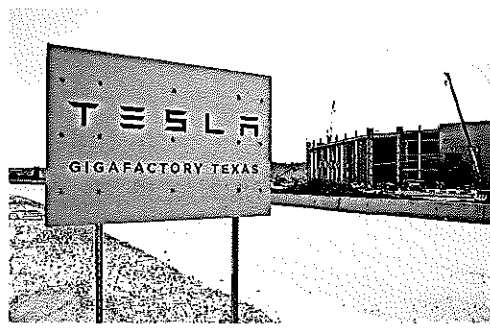
Musk has overseen development of a launch facility for SpaceX rockets on the Gulf Coast near Brownsville, picked Travis County as the site for Tesla's next billion-dollar assembly plant and even became a Texas himself in late 2020 by relocating his personal residence to the state.

His actions, capped by the Oct. 7 announcement that Tesla is moving its headquarters to Austin, have prompted plenty of crowing among Texas politicians and economic development officials eager 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 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. The state doesn't have an income tax — compared with California's personal income 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



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

up stakes — over local coronavirus-related restrictions that shut down Tesla's factory there for a short time. He's likely to find officials who are more sympathetic to his coronavirus views in Texas, where Abbott has opposed various pandemic-related mandates and recently issued an order aimed at preventing private businesses from requiring that employees be vaccinated.

Still, California has been no slouch when it comes to fostering business activity and economic growth, actually outpacing Texas in the five years prior 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.

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 Tesla is going to need all of its production facilities to keep up with strong demand for electric vehicles nationwide.

"I think Tesla — 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 Tesla'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 \$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 lure 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 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 assessment, saying he thinks the die was cast when Musk first threatened to leave California nearly 18 months ago.

"When Elon said, 'I am done with California,' I am pretty sure he made up his mind then," Holm 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 Tesla is prohibited from selling its electric vehicles directly to buyers in the state because of a state law mandating that auto sales go through third-party franchised dealerships.

As a result of the Texas regulations, Tesla 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 relies on direct-to-consumer sales over the Internet, a strategy that doesn't comply with the Texas rules.

Tesla — 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 Tesla's huge investment in the Travis County factory, combined with its recent headquarters relocation, to finally tip the political scales in Musk's favor.

"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.

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

Proponents of the restrictions contend they safeguard consumers by preventing vehicle manufacturers from establishing monopolies. Critics say they're protectionist measures that enshrine owners of dealerships as third-party intermediaries.

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"We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father and grandfather and a great American," the family said. Powell had been treated at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Peggy Cifino, 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 healthier people.

At the White House, President Joe Biden said Powell "embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat."

Noting Powell's rise from a childhood in a fraying New York City neighborhood, 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."

Flags were lowered at the White House and State Department.

After the 9/11 attacks in 2001, Powell was the first American official to publicly lay the blame on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. He made a lightning trip to Pakistan in October of that year to demand that then-Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf cooperate with the United States in going after the Afghanistan-based group, which also had a presence in Pakistan, where bin Laden was later killed.

As George W. Bush's first secretary of state, Powell led a State Department that was dubious of the military and intelligence community's contention that Saddam possessed or was developing weapons of mass destruction. And yet, despite his reservations, he presented 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-ahead 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 Relations Committee Joe Biden on Capitol Hill. Powell died Monday from complications from COVID-19, his family said. SHAWN THEW/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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The U.S. overthrow of Saddam ended the rule of a brutal dictator. But the power vacuum and lawlessness that followed the invasion unleashed years of deadly sectarian fighting and chaos that killed countless Iraqi civilians, sparked a year-long insurgency, and unintentionally tilted the balance of power in the Middle East toward a U.S. rival, Iran. No Iraqi weapons of mass destruction were ever found.

Powell maintained in a 2012 interview with The Associated Press that on balance, the U.S. succeeded in Iraq.

"I think 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.

troops out of Iraq in 2011, but he sent advisers back in 2014 after the Islamic State group swept into the country from Syria and captured large swaths of Iraq territory.

Bush said Monday that he and former first lady Laura Bush were "deeply saddened" by Powell's death.

"He was a great public servant" and "widely respected at home and abroad," Bush said. "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 presidents 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-

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 kid of no early promise from an immigrant family of limited means who was raised in the South Bronx," he wrote in his 1995 autobiography "My American Journey."

At City College, Powell discovered the ROTC. When he put on his first uniform, "I liked 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 Secretary 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.

During his term as Joint Chiefs chairman, his approach to war became known as the Powell Doctrine, which held that the United States should only commit forces in a conflict if it has clear and achievable objectives with public support, sufficient firepower and a strategy for ending the war.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, a retired Army general and the first Black Pentagon chief, said the news of Powell's death left "a hole in my heart."

"The world lost one of the greatest leaders that we have ever witnessed," Austin said while traveling in Europe. "Alma lost a great husband, and the family lost a tremendous father, and I lost a tremendous personal friend and mentor."

Condoleezza Rice, Powell's successor at State and the department's first black female secretary, 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.

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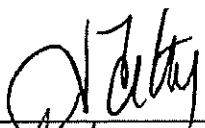
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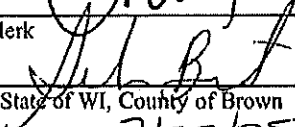
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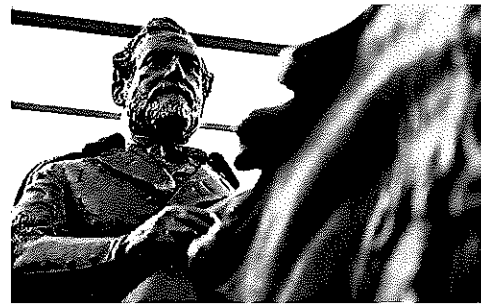
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Removed Lee statue lands at Texas resort

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The bronze sculpture, which was removed from the Dallas park in September 2017, is now at the Lajitas Golf Resort in Terlingua, Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The 27,000-acre resort, which is privately owned by Dallas billionaire and pipeline mogul Kelsey Warren and managed by Scott Beasley, the president of Dallas-based WSB Resorts and Clubs, received the statue as a donation in 2019.

The 1935 sculpture by Alexander Phimister Proctor was among several Lee monuments around the U.S. that were removed from public view amid the fallout over racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017.

The artwork, which depicts Lee and another soldier on horses, was kept in storage at Dallas' Hensley Field, the former Naval Air 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.

Terlingua, 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 1.7% 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-plus thousand guests we host each year, we've had one or two negative comments," he said.

But Black Lives Matter Houston activist Brandon Mack said he takes issue with supporters of Lee who argue that the statue is merely "an appreciation for art" and wonders whether the same defense would be used for other offensive symbols from throughout history, or if that's reserved for iconography solely glorifying the oppression of Black people.

"We don't glorify the swastika; we don't have monuments (of) Adolf Hitler," he said.

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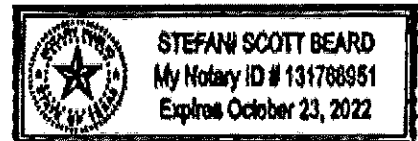
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Joann H. Snyder
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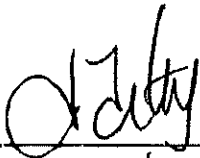
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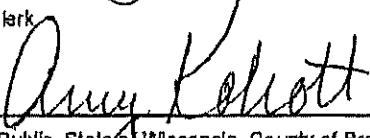
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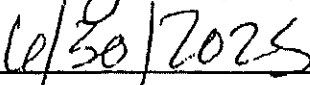
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Tesla, Texas relationship tightening

EV maker deepens ties in oil and gas country

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

It seems like an unlikely marriage: Tesla, the world's biggest electric automaker, moving its headquarters to Texas — 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, Elon Musk — the high-profile leader of Tesla, 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.

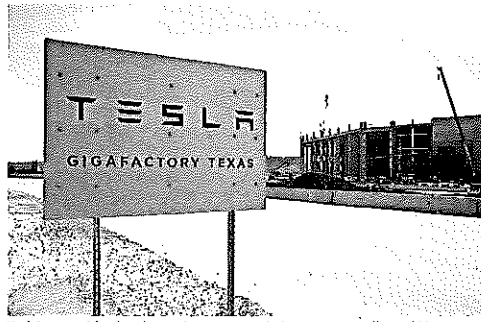
Musk has overseen development of a launch facility for SpaceX rockets on the Gulf Coast near Brownsville, picked Travis County as the site for Tesla's next billion-dollar assembly plant and even became a Texan himself in late 2020 by relocating his personal residence to the state.

His actions, capped by the Oct. 7 announcement that Tesla is moving its headquarters to Austin, have prompted plenty of crowing among Texas politicians and economic development officials eager 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 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. The state doesn't have an income tax — compared with California's personal income 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



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

up stakes — over local coronavirus-related restrictions that shut down Tesla's factory there for a short time. He's likely to find officials who are more sympathetic to his coronavirus views in Texas, where Abbott has opposed various pandemic-related mandates and recently issued an order aimed at preventing private businesses from requiring that employees be vaccinated.

Still, California has been no slouch when it comes to fostering business activity and economic growth, actually outpacing Texas in the five years prior 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.

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 Tesla is going to need all of its production facilities to keep up with strong demand for electric vehicles nationwide.

"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 country."

Tax breaks from Travis County and the Del Valle school district, valued at over \$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 lure 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 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 assessment, saying he thinks the die was cast when Musk first threatened to leave California nearly 18 months ago.

"When Elon said, 'I am done with California, I am pretty sure he made up his mind then,'" Holm 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 Tesla is prohibited from selling its electric vehicles directly to buyers in the state because of a state law mandating that auto sales go through third-party franchised dealerships.

As a result of the Texas regulations, Tesla 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 relies on direct-to-consumer sales over the Internet, a strategy that doesn't comply with the Texas rules.

Tesla — 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 Tesla's huge investment in the Travis County factory, combined with its recent headquarters relocation, to finally tip the political scales in Musk's favor.

"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.

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

Proponents of the restrictions contend they safeguard consumers by preventing vehicle manufacturers from establishing monopolies. Critics say they're protectionist measures that enshrine owners of dealerships as third-party 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

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DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Residential Service | \$583,322,493 | \$46,001,797 | \$629,324,290 | 7.8% |
| Small General Service | \$271,583,079 | \$22,050,586 | \$293,633,665 | 8.1% |
| 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 | \$1,095,718 | \$75,561 | \$1,171,279 | 8.9% |
| Large Firm General Service | \$46,902,845 | \$2,730,447 | \$49,633,292 | 5.8% |
| Large Intermittent General Service | \$28,495,125 | (\$690,478) | \$27,804,647 | (2.4)% |
| Military Transport Service | \$2,278,927 | \$210,337 | \$2,489,264 | 9.2% |
| Special Contracts | \$126,855,355 | (\$32,136) | \$126,823,219 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$1,142,696,226 | \$73,933,573 | \$1,216,629,800 | 6.4% |

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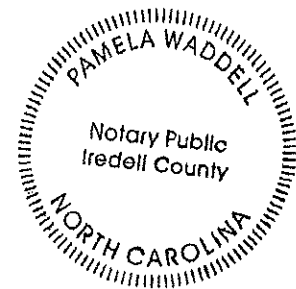
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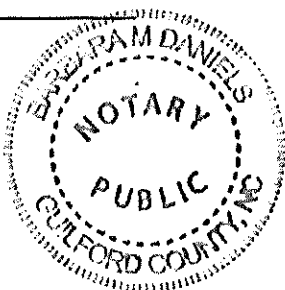
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| | | General Service | \$29,430,125 | \$690,470 | \$30,120,595 | 6.2% |
| | | Utility Equipment Service | \$227,899,777 | \$219,337 | \$228,119,114 | 6.2% |
| | | Special Contracts | \$128,868,955 | \$32,136 | \$129,191,091 | 6.0% |
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John A. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

Sure, take candy from the homicidal clown



LAURA GREENE | HPE

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

Powell, trailblazing general, dies

BY ROBERT BURNS, ERIC TUCKER AND EILEEN PUTMAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Colin Powell, the barrier-breaking soldier and diplomat who served Democratic and Republican presidents in war and peace, died Monday. He was 81.

In announcing his death from complications of COVID-19, Powell's family said he had been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, but Peggy Cliffto, 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 healthier people.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Powell spent 35 years in the Army and rose to the rank of four-star general. In 1989 he became the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In that role he oversaw the U.S. invasion of Panama and later the U.S. invasion of Kuwait and the Iraq army in 1991. A decade later he joined President George W. Bush's Cabinet as the first Black secretary of state.

MORE INFORMATION

PBS North Carolina plans to air "High Point University Presents: Colin Powell," a 2015 interview of Powell by High Point University President Nido Qubein, tonight at 7 p.m. The episode of "Side by Side with Nido Qubein" that was scheduled to air will run next Tuesday.

His legacy was marred when, in February 2003, he went before the U.N. Security Council and made the case for U.S. war against Iraq at a moment of great international skepticism. He cited faulty information claiming Saddam Hussein had secretly stashed weapons of mass destruction.

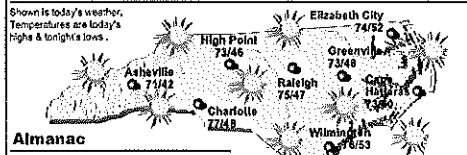
Powell served on High Point University's National Board of Advisors and delivered HPU's 2014 commencement address. HPU President Nido Qubein said: "His influence on me and his impact on our institution have been significant and lasting. I will miss my work with him on our National Board of Advisors and beyond."

At the White House, President Joe Biden said Powell "embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat."

High Point Enterprise Weather

| Today | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunny 73° 46° | Sunny 75° 50° | Sunny 76° 66° | Mostly Cloudy 71° 52° | Mostly Sunny 67° 45° |

North Carolina State Forecast



Almanac

Times from 6 p.m. yesterday at Greensboro

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|--------|
| High | 70 | Yesterday | 60° |
| Low | 42 | Monday to Date | 13° |
| Normal High | 70 | Normal Low | 14° |
| Normal Low | 49 | Year to Date | 37.34° |
| Record High | 89 in 1938 | Normal Y-to-D | 36.25° |
| Record Low | 25 in 1913 | Record Freeze | 1.57° |

Fishing/Hunting Times

| | Tuesday | Peak AM | Peak PM |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Wednesday | 11:05 - 1:03 | 11:30 - 1:30 | |
| Thursday | 11:51 - 1:51 | 12:12 - 2:12 | |
| Friday | 12:33 - 2:33 | 12:55 - 2:55 | |

Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise | 7:39 a.m. | Moonrise | 6:23 p.m. |
| Sunset | 6:38 p.m. | Moonset | 6:23 a.m. |

Pollen Forecast

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|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Tree: | 1 | 0 Absent, 1-25 Low, |
| Grass: | 9 | 26-50 Moderate, 51-75 High, |
| Weed: | 13 | >75 Very High |
| Today: | Low | |
| Predominant: | Weeds | |

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

BY THE 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 died 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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In her later years, Lynn participated in reunions with fellow cast members and various Mayberry-themed festivals.

Director and actor Ron Howard, who played Sheriff Andy Taylor's son, Opie, paid tribute to Lynn in a tweet Sunday saying she "brightened every scene she was in & every shooting day she was on set."

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"I think God's blessed me," Lynn said. "He brought me to a sweet town, wonderful people, and just said, 'Now, that's for you, Betty.'"

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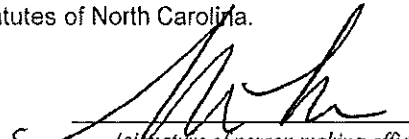
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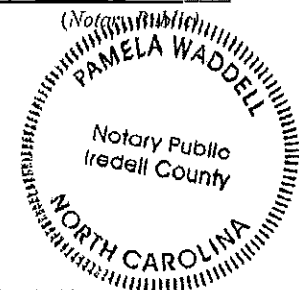

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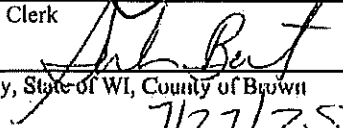
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NATION & WORLD

Airstrikes hit capital of Tigray

Cara Anna
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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 bloodied 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.

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 falling-out with Prime Minister Abiy 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 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 Hagera Selam and Tembien, 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

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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 refraining from action required as part of 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 Bolsonaro'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 would decide whether to carry forward the investigation and eventually pursue charges. In Brazil, 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 federal government was silent and chose to act in a non-technical and reckless manner," the report says.

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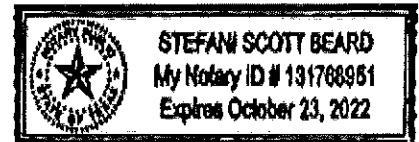
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Canes coach shuffled lines to change 'bad movie' he was watching

BY CHIP ALEXANDER
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Rod Brind'Amour has a touch of gray hair, just above his forehead, and more than when he first 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 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 said, "I'd forgotten about that. That was nice, actually."

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 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 lesser Fast goal in the first period, Preds goalie Jussi 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, "Shuffled the deck."

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

to Vincent Trocheck's line and Jesper Kotkaniemi to Derek Stepan's line. Tuovo Teravainen left the Trocheck line to John Aho, and Brind'Amour also shifted Jordan Martinook off Stepan's line to Aho's line.

"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. "Just a little jump start for the group."

The Trocheck line delivered in the third. Trocheck won a faceoff in the defensive zone to defenseman 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 setup pass to Andrei Svechnikov 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 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 said. "Just a different look for them."

Aho and Teravainen have often played together. Adding Martinook was a new element, displaying Martinook's versatility and the trust Brind'Amour 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 on me and 'Turbo' to make some plays there."

At Monday's practice, Martinook was back on Stepan's line. Necas and Svechnikov were on Trocheck's line. Jordan Staal's line, with Fast and Nino Niederreiter on the wings, was unchanged, just as it was during Saturday's game.

"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 refrain.

"We're still bouncing things around a little bit," he said. "That'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 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 Alcivar to soccer roster

BY ALEX ANDREJEV
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Charlotte FC has added another international name to its inaugural roster. The expansion Major League Soccer team announced Monday that Ecuadorian center midfielder Jordy Alcivar will join Charlotte FC 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 Conjujo.

Alcivar, a native of Manta, Ecuador, has been a fixture at Ecuadorian club LDU Quito since early in his professional 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 MLS trade window opens, Charlotte FC will complete a deal with FC Cincinnati for Alcivar's discovery rights in exchange for \$100,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM). His move is pending his medical evaluation and receipt of his P-1 visa and International Transfer Certificate. Alcivar is expected to report for Charlotte FC's preseason in January after completing the season with LDU Quito that runs through December, but he could be playing at Bank of America Stadium well before then in an international friendly for Ecuador. Ecuador's men's national

team is scheduled to play Mexico in Charlotte 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-20s at the South American Championships that qualified Ecuador to the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup (third-place finish).

Charlotte FC sporting director Zoran Krneta said in a statement that club leadership identified a player with experience in "big moments" for club and country.

"(Alcivar) brings balance to our midfield and can control the game with and without the ball at his feet," Krneta 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 Conjujo, Polish defender Jan Sobociński, Spanish midfielder Sergio Ruiz, Australian midfielder Riley McGree, Austrian defender Christian Fuchs and two U.S.-born players, defender Adam Amour and midfielder Brandt Brunicco.

Spanish coach Miguel Ángel Ramírez will be the club's head coach.

CHARLOTTE FC PLAYER FACTS

Name: Jordy Alcivar
Position: Midfielder
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 140
Date of Birth: August 5, 1999
Age: 22
Birthplace/Hometown: Manta, Ecuador
Last Club: LDU Quito

Alexandra Andrejev: @AndrejevAlex

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 722)
In the Matter of)
Consolidated Natural Gas Construction and)
Redelivery Services Agreement Between)
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and)
Duke Energy Carolina, LLC)

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 781)
In the Matter of)
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)
Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of Rates,)
Charges, and Tariffs Applicable to Service)
in North Carolina)

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 786)
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Company, Inc., for Modification to Existing)
Energy Efficiency Program and Approval of)
New Energy Efficiency Programs)

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RATES

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.C. 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 increases to be implemented by Piedmont will reflect an increase in base revenues of approximately \$67 million annually and an additional charge in Piedmont's gas cost revenues of approximately \$6.5 million annually.

On March 22, 2021, Piedmont filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. G-9, 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 \$109 million, an increase of approximately 10.4% over current revenues.

On April 13, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Establishing General Rate Case and Suspending Rates, suspending Piedmont's proposed rate changes for a period of up to 270 days from the proposed effective date of April 21, 2021, and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing. Also on April 13, 2021, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Consolidate Dockets requesting that the Commission issue an order consolidating the previously consolidated Docket Nos. G-9, Sub 722, Piedmont's redelivery services agreement for Duke Energy Carolina, LLC's Lincoln Plant, and G-9, Sub 781 with Docket No. G-9, Sub 786, in which Piedmont filed a request for approval of modifications to its existing Equipment Rate Program and of three new energy efficiency programs: Residential New Construction Program, Commercial Food Services Program, and Commercial HVAC & Water Heating Program. On April 19, 2021, the Commission issued an order granting the Public Staff's motion and consolidating the above-referenced dockets.

On September 7, 2021, Piedmont filed a Stipulation of Partial Settlement with the Public Staff, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates IV. Based on the Stipulation of Partial Settlement, Piedmont requests an updated revenue increase from base rates of approximately \$67 million annually and an additional charge in its gas cost revenues of approximately \$6.5 million annually. This updated proposed revenue increase results in an approximate total increase of \$73.9 million, a 4.35% million reduction from the amount proposed in Piedmont's original application.

The temporary rates being implemented by Piedmont under the authority of H.C.G.S. § 62-135 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 Piedmont's application on July 14, 2021, via Webex with telephonic access. The hearing resumed and concluded on September 9, 2021.

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

| Customer Class | Present Revenue | Proposed Change | Proposed Revenue | Percentage Change |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Residential Service | \$59,322,493 | \$16,001,797 | \$63,324,290 | 7.8% |
| Small General Service | \$271,693,679 | \$22,090,585 | \$293,674,265 | 8.1% |
| Medium General Service | \$46,058,357 | \$3,540,232 | \$49,598,539 | 7.7% |
| Outdoor Gas Light Service | \$62,158 | \$7,176 | \$109,336 | 7.0% |
| Natural Gas Vehicles - Company Stations | \$1,095,716 | \$75,561 | \$1,171,278 | 6.9% |
| Large Firm General Service | \$16,902,845 | \$2,730,447 | \$19,633,292 | 5.8% |
| Large Interruptible General Service | \$28,495,125 | (\$690,478) | \$27,804,647 | (2.4)% |
| Military Transport Service | \$2,278,597 | \$210,337 | \$2,488,934 | 9.2% |
| Special Contracts | \$128,658,555 | \$(32,136) | \$128,626,419 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$1,152,698,328 | \$79,939,579 | \$1,188,629,698 | 6.6% |

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

EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATES

The proposed temporary rates would increase the average monthly bill (excluding state sales tax) of a residential customer by \$5.46, which is a 7.6% increase. The change in average bill will vary with each customer's level of natural gas usage.

OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the temporary rates change, may be obtained on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com, where a copy of the Stipulation of Partial Settlement is available. Further pleadings, prefiled testimony and exhibits of other parties, hearings, transcripts, briefs, and proposed orders may also be viewed as they become available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.com, by clicking on "Docket Search" and typing in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781.

Persons who desire to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and reference Docket No. G-9, Sub 781. Persons can also email the Commission a statement about the temporary rate change via the Commission's website at ncuc@ncuc.com or ncuc@ncuc.com. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781C and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director
Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney General of North Carolina
c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities
5001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-5001

This is the 16th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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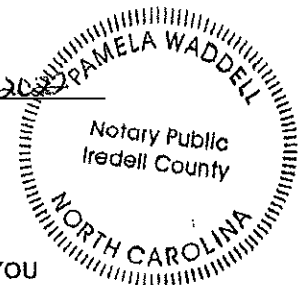
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BEING all of Lot No. 64 of the Swinging Bridge Subdivision, Phase II, as shown on a plat of the same recorded in Book 1951 at Page 263, Catawba County Registry.

Being the same realty conveyed from Robert Lee Hudson to David Ransom Ryhal, Jr. and wife, Lynette Jurett Ryhal, by Warranty Deed dated July 25, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2167 at Page 1656, Catawba County Registry.

For partial data of title, see Book 2212 at Page 1121.

Parcel ID: 3754-11-4746

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. § 45-21.22.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §1A-100(a)(7).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, under and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS" Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of Trust/Deed of Trust agreement, or each, being held liable for any defects, claims, attorneys' fees, expenses, or any other matters.

Additional Notice for Residential Property with Limited Risk Residential Real Estate

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

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Parcel ID: 3754-11-4746

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Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §1A-100(a)(7).

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An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant shall file for rent due under the rental agreement pursuant to the effective date of termination.

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On March 22, 2021, Piedmont filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. G-9, 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 \$109 million, an increase of approximately 10.4% over current revenues.

On April 13, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Establishing General Rate Cases and Suspending Rates, suspending Piedmont's proposed rate charges for a period of up to 270 days from the proposed effective date of April 21, 2021, and setting the application for a general rate increase for hearing. Also on April 13, 2021, the Public Staff filed a Motion to Consolidate Dockets requesting that the Commission issue an order consolidating the previously consolidated Docket Nos. G-9, Sub 722, Piedmont's redelivery services agreement for Duke Energy Carolina, LLC's Lincoln Plant, and G-9, Sub 781 with Docket No. G-9, Sub 786, in which Piedmont filed a request for approval of modifications to its existing Equipment Rebate Program and of three new energy efficiency programs: Residential New Construction Program, Commercial Food Services Program, and Commercial HAC & Water Heating Program. On April 19, 2021, the Commission issued an order granting the Public Staff's motion and consolidating the above-referenced dockets.

On September 7, 2021, Piedmont filed a Stipulation of Partial Settlement with the Public Staff, the Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc., and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates (C.I.R.) Based on the Stipulation of Partial Settlement, Piedmont requests an adjusted revenue increase from base rates of approximately \$67 million annually and an additional change in its gas cost revenues of approximately \$6.9 million annually. This updated proposed revenue increase results in an approximate total increase of \$73.9 million, a 33.5% million reduction from the amount proposed in Piedmont's original application.

The temporary rates being implemented by Piedmont under the authority of H.C.S. § 62-135 are not final rates and remain subject to the Commission's final determination of just and reasonable rates to be charged by Piedmont on a permanent basis.

The Commission held public hearings on Piedmont's application on July 14, 2021, via WebEx with telephone access. The hearing resumed and concluded on September 9, 2021.

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

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| Customer Class | Present Revenue | Proposed Change | Proposed Revenue | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Residential Service | \$589,322,493 | \$46,001,797 | \$635,324,290 | 7.8% |
| Small General Service | \$271,583,679 | \$22,093,696 | \$293,677,375 | 8.1% |
| Medium General Service | \$46,058,367 | \$3,540,282 | \$49,598,639 | 7.7% |
| Outdoor Gas Light Service | \$102,158 | \$7,178 | \$109,336 | 7.0% |
| Natural Gas/Vehicles-Compass Stations | \$1,095,718 | \$75,561 | \$1,171,279 | 6.9% |
| Large Firm General Service | \$46,932,845 | \$2,730,447 | \$49,663,292 | 5.8% |
| Large/Intermediate General Service | \$28,495,125 | \$693,479 | \$29,188,604 | (4.4)% |
| Military Transport Service | \$2,278,997 | \$210,337 | \$2,489,334 | 9.2% |
| Special Contracts | \$126,856,955 | \$62,130 | \$126,919,085 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$1,112,698,328 | \$73,933,673 | \$1,186,632,000 | 6.6% |

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

EFFECT OF TEMPORARY RATES

The proposed temporary rates would increase the average monthly bill (excluding state sales tax) of a residential customer by \$5.46, which is a 7.8% increase. The change in average bill will vary with each customer's level of natural gas usage.

OTHER MATTERS

A list of present rates, together with details of the temporary rates change, may be obtained on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net, where a copy of the Stipulation of Partial Settlement is available. Further pleadings, proffered testimony and exhibits of other parties, hearings, transcripts, trials, and proposed orders may also be viewed as they become available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net, by clicking on "Docket Search" and typing in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781.

Persons who desire to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4303, and reference Docket No. G-9, Sub 781. Persons can also email the Commission a statement about the temporary rate change via the Commission's website at comunic@ncuc.state.nc.us. In other case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director
Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission
4328 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney General of North Carolina
c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2001

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Oct. 19, 2021

and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all of 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.

This is the 19th day of October 2021

Lori Spurling

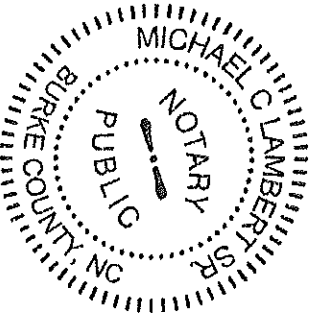
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of October 2021.

Michael C. Lambert Sr.

Notary Public

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776 Lenoir, North Carolina 28645, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the above named Administrator, are hereby notified to present them to Roger Dale Chesler, Administrator of the decedent's estate, in care of the attorney for the Administrator, Fred D. Pike, on or before January 17, 2022, at his address of: Post Office Box 776, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645.

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Attorney for Craig Alan Hartsell, Grooms, Tuttle, Pike & Blair, HLLP
Post Office Box 776
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Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 2021

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This the 28th day of September, 2021.
Burford Dale Campbell Jr., Administrator
4122 Shelton Hoblar
Granite Falls, NC 28630
Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2021

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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 21-CVD-1183
CALDWELL COUNTY
Caldwell County, A Body Politic and Corporate vs. Unknown Heirs at Law of Winnie Coffey, a/k/a Winnie Jolley Coffey
420 Birch Circle Dr.
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Christopher Todd King, Executor
420 Birch Circle Dr.
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Hudson, NC 28638
Kay M Mitchell, Co-Executor
436 91st Avenue Court NE
Hickory, NC 28601
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Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes on no to Caldwell County on your interest in the property described as follows: Being designated as Lot No. 4, Lester Jolly and Grace Jolly's estate and begins at the center of a white oak tree, Steele Jolly's line and extending with the boundary South 71° 00' East 648 feet to a stake; thence South 20° 48' East 703 feet to a stake in Lester Jolly's and Charles Ferguson's old line, a new corner; thence South 86° 30' West 244 feet to a stake, formerly an old Spanish Oak; thence North 86° 30' West 274 feet to center of the beginning white oak tree, containing 10.74 acres, more or less. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and matters of survey. Also being identified as Parcel ID# 05-22-0-27, Caldwell County Tax Office. Address: Henry Place
Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claims and interests that you may have in the property, to have a commissioner appointed to sell the property and to deliver to the purchaser a deed to said real estate in fee simple, free and clear of all encumbrances, and that all the

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interests and equities of redemption of the Defendants in the property be forever barred and foreclosed.
You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 22, 2021 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This day of October 7, 2021.
Hunter Frederick
Attorney for Plaintiff
Capital Center
82 Patton Avenue, Suite 500
Asheville, North Carolina 28801
(828) 252-9010
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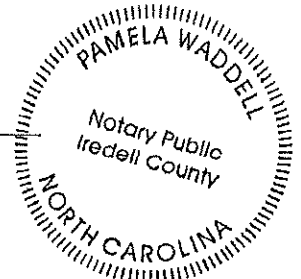
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By DAVID OUELLET

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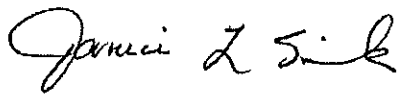
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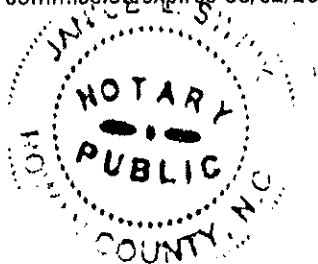
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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Docket No. G-9, SUB 722

Notebook

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bara Mallett, Dwayne Holmes and Albert Smith, who are all seeking re-election. The party also endorsed Shawn Rush, who's seeking election to the town board in East Spencer. Rush is also the second vice chair of the party.

For the China Grove race, Democrats endorsed Arthur Heggins. They endorsed Jeanne Dixon in the Kannapolis race. In Spencer, Democrats endorsed Jonathan Williams, who is running unopposed for mayor as well as Steve Miller, Patricia "Patti" Seccrest and Pat Siegle.

The Democratic Party credited the endorsed candidates with working toward the party's values of quality public education for all children, healthy economic development, protection of voter rights, economic and social 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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Robinson has since double-downed on his comments, stating that 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, Robinson said, represent books titled "George" by Alex Gino and "Gender Queer" by Mala Kobabe. CBS17.com reported that both Wake County Public Schools System and Durham Public Schools have copies of the books in their libraries, though they're not taught in the curriculum.

"I agree with our Lt. Governor," Ford told the Post. "Everyone has freedom of speech ... Everyone on both sides. Once anyone looks at the images, I think you'll agree with Mark Robinson's

opinion."

Ford also shared to Facebook a picture with Robinson, stating that he "stands with" him.

The Rowan County Republican Party shared the Facebook video Robinson made, and thanked him.

Gov. Cooper signs into law bill sponsored by Warren increasing penalties for damaging law enforcement vehicles

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 represents Rowan County, increases the penalties for those who steal from or damage law enforcement vehicles and other equipment. It increases the penalty for breaking or entering from a class I felony to a class H, which increases the potential sentence from up to 12 months to up to 25 months.

Additionally, the bill implements a class H felony for theft of law enforcement equipment, along with a class G felony, which carries a sentence up to 31 months, for stolen equipment valued in excess of \$1,000.

The bill passed 97-14 in the House and 44-5 in the Senate along party lines.

Software

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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. So, whatever resources that we can get to bring more families would be good for Rowan County and for our youth," Sifford said.

George Montgomery, a licensing social worker, said 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 take a proactive approach in the diversity of families it can recruit.

The licensing fee for Binti's software costs \$15,800 for 12 months. Funding for the software will come from Adoption Promotion Funds that are awarded to the county by the state. Department of Social Services Director Micah Ennis said Binti will customize the software for the department's needs and the county's staff will undergo training. Ennis said it is difficult to estimate when Binti's software will be implemented, but is hopeful it will be in place within a half year.

In other meeting business:

• Following a brief closed session, the board approved the county paying \$7,675 in a settlement to a homeowner in Rowan County who claimed the Rowan County Health Department improperly permitted their land for a wastewater system. The homeowner claimed the improper permitting resulted in additional costs. The total settlement is for \$15,350, but the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will pay half.

• The board granted permission for the county to send out a request for qualification for engineering services for residential plumbing. As a result of elevated levels of lead and copper found in drinking water of several customers on the Northeast Rowan Water System, the county plans to replace the plumbing in approximately 10 homes. The county plans to fund the plumbing replacement projects using American Rescue Plan Act funds, if possible, but the project will move forward regardless.

• Finance Director James Howden gave commissioners an update on the county's finance reports through September. The county's annual cumulative expenditures through September totaled about \$35.7 million, which is on pace with the county's spending through September of 2020. The county's annual cumulative revenues through September were \$60.9 million, which is almost \$6 million higher than the previous year. Howden said the increase

in revenue was due to a higher property tax collection percentage. The county collected \$52.7 million in property taxes through August.

• 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 footage 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" master planning related to the relocation of the Health Department. The Health Department, primarily located at 1811 E. Innes St., has space needs that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

• 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 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-boyfriend 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 LaPatricia 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. News outlets reported Baldwin was reported missing on Oct. 10 after failing to show up for work after having gone to church.

Police said Baldwin had last been seen in Mecklenburg County, and reports indicated her vehicle was

found abandoned on southbound Interstate 85 between Charlotte and Newsmont.

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 said 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 overwhelming food of choice.

The Corolla Wild Horses Fund says on social media that the American persimmon is a fruit-bearing tree native to the coast and can be found growing throughout where the horses roam. According to the organization, the fruit becomes ripe and sweet in the fall and becomes a source of food for the horses.

Horses can be seen walking 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 persimmon tree.

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

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Persons who desire to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and reference Docket No. G-9, Sub 781. Persons can also email the Commission a statement about the temporary rate change via the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net/contactus.html. In either case, consumer statements will be placed in Docket No. G-9, Sub 781CS and may be accessed by searching that docket number via the Commission's website.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to:

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

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney 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

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