

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

November 21, 2022

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Webb-Shackleford, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Mr. Gajda, Ms. Needham, Mr. Hardy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Culpepper, Ms. Holt, Ms. Patel, Mr. Michna, Ms. Proffitt

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, LLC and Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink

1. Docket Nos. P-7, Sub 1302, and P-10, Sub 915 – Agreement and amendments to the interconnection agreement with Peerless Network of North Carolina, LLC (*Proffitt/Coxton*)

On September 29, 2022, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, LLC and Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink, and Peerless Network of North Carolina, LLC (collectively, the Parties) filed an interconnection agreement and amendments for Commission approval.

The Public Staff recommended that the agreement and amendments be approved.

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

2. Docket Nos. P-7, Sub 1225, and P-10, Sub 842 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a MetTel, approved November 25, 2009 (*Proffitt/Coxton*)

On September 29, 2022, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, LLC and Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink, and Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a MetTel (collectively, the Parties), filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved on November 25, 2009.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

Mebtel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

3. Docket No. P-35, Sub 128 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a MetTel. Approved April 15, 2014 (*Proffitt/Coxton*)

On September 29, 2022, Mebtel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, and Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a MetTel (collectively, the Parties) filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved on April 15, 2014.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T)

4. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1460 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Lingo Telecom, LLC, approved August 11, 2003 (Proffitt/Coxton)

On October 6, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Lingo Telecom, LLC, formerly Matrix Telecom, LLC (collectively, the Parties), filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved on August 11, 2003.¹

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

5. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1740 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Broadplex, LLC, approved May 15, 2008 (Proffitt/Coxton)

On October 7, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Broadplex, LLC, filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved May 15, 2008.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

6. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1749 – Amendments to the interconnection agreement with Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, approved August 8, 2008 (Proffitt/Coxton)

On October 7, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Fusion Cloud Services, LLC (collectively, the Parties), filed, for Commission approval, two amendments to their existing interconnection agreement, approved on August 8, 2008.²

The Public Staff recommended that the amendments be approved.

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

¹ The original interconnection agreement was executed when Lingo Telecom, LLC, formerly Matrix Telecom, LLC, was operating as Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

² The original interconnection agreement was executed when Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, was operating as Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.

7. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1951 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Easton Telecom Services, LLC, approved August 16, 2022 (Proffitt/Coxton)

On September 22, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Easton Telecom Services, LLC (collectively, the Parties) filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved on August 16, 2022.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

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8. Docket Nos. G-40, Sub 169, and G-9, Sub 816 – Joint Application of Frontier Natural Gas Company and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Authorization for an Adjustment of Their Certificated Service Areas (Patel/Johnson/Culpepper)

On October 6, 2022, Frontier Natural Gas Company (Frontier) and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) (collectively, Applicants) filed a petition pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111(a) and Commission Rule R6-60, requesting Commission authorization to allow Frontier to provide natural gas sales and transportation service to a certain customer within the currently certificated service area of Piedmont and for adjustment of the respective service areas of Frontier and Piedmont consistent with such authorization.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the petition and information provided by the Applicants in response to a Public Staff data request. The Public Staff noted that Frontier stated in response to discovery that providing service to the future resident will not affect the reliability of service to its existing customers and that extending natural gas service to the future resident will be done on an economically feasible basis. The Public Staff recommended approval of the Applicants' request.

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

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of October 31, 2022, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.