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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
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4325 Mail Service Center
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**RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
Proof of Publication
Docket No. E-100, Sub 165**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I enclose the Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Public Hearing on the 2020 Integrated Resource Plans and Related 2020 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Compliance Plans, for filing in connection with the referenced matter. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC published the notice in newspapers having general coverage in their respective service areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence B. Somers", written in a cursive style.

Lawrence B. Somers

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Proof of Publication, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 165, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

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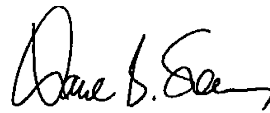
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2 Insertion(s)

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February 18, 2021, February 25, 2021

Cherri S. Foster

Cherri Foster, Regional Office Associate

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the 1st day of March, 2021

Judith M. Sears

Electronic Notary Public State of North Carolina

My Commission Expires May 17, 2021



Within a few days of his sentencing hearing, court documents show Pineda-Ancheta was indicted on kidnapping charges. He was found guilty in June.

A public defender appointed to represent Pineda-Ancheta had pushed the judge for a 10-year prison sentence, saying prosecutors "manipulated his criminal history" and unfairly classified the plastic rope with which he allegedly bound and dragged his ex-girlfriend as a "dangerous weapon."

"A decade in prison followed by deportation back to Honduras is the appropriate punishment in this case that will fulfill the sentencing purposes," the public defender wrote in sentencing documents.

But prosecutors disagreed, pointing to the way Pineda-Ancheta allegedly used the rope to "control, harm, and potentially kill" his victim.

"Pineda should not benefit because he was unsuccessful in his attempt to sexually assault and then kill his former girlfriend," they wrote.

The judge agreed, opting Tuesday for a greater sentence because of the severity of the allegations.

"This was not a mere kidnapping," he said, according to the news release. "But that the defendant intended to kill the victim."

dents, parents and employees resolve disputes and navigate the district's bureaucracy.

Prior to teaching, he was a reporter at the Charlotte Observer covering local government.

A LEADER IN THE PANDEMIC

Board members praised Winston's leadership and character throughout the

side with me in this endeavor, and it is a huge and important endeavor," Winston said. "It's never lost on us each day the role and the impact that we play in the lives of so many."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

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In the Matter of) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BIENNIAL
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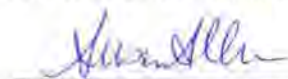
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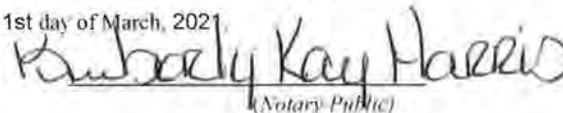
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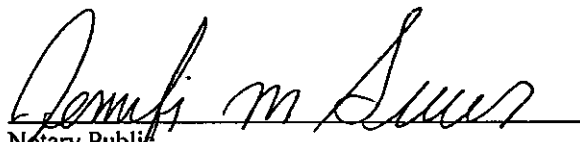
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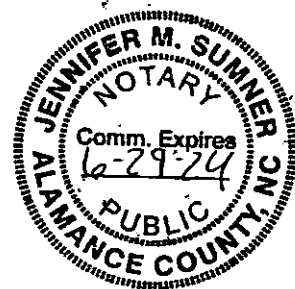
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Biden optimistic on reopening of elementary schools

By Aamer Madhani
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The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — President Joe Biden is promising a majority of elementary schools will be open five days a week by the end of his first 100 days in office, restating his original goal after his administration came under fire when aides said schools would be considered open if they held in-person learning just one day a week.

Biden's comments, during a CNN town hall in Milwaukee, marked his clearest statement yet on school reopenings. Biden had pledged in December to reopen "the majority of our schools" in his first 100 days but has since faced increasing questions about how he would define and achieve that goal, with school districts operating under a patchwork of different virtual and in-person learning arrangements nationwide.

"I said open a majority of schools in K through eighth grade, because they're the easiest to open, the most needed to be open in terms of the impact on children and families having to stay home," Biden said.

He said comments by White House press secretary Jen Psaki earlier this month that one day a week of in-person learning would meet his goal were "a mistake in the communication."

Asked when the nation would see kindergarten through eighth grades back to in-person learning five days a week, Biden said, "We'll be close to that at the end of the first 100 days." He said he expected many schools would push to stay open through the summer, but suggested reopening would take longer for high schools due to a higher risk of contagion among older students.

The town hall touched on a range of issues related to the coronavirus, from protections for small businesses to the administration's vaccination plans. Biden said that by the end of July there would be 600 million doses of the vaccine

available, enough to vaccinate every American.

But with many of his answers, he sought to emphasize the need for funding to achieve his goals. The town hall was aimed at selling his \$1.9 trillion coronavirus aid package directly to the American people, part of an effort designed in part to put pressure on Republican lawmakers and refocus Congress on speedy passage of the bill now that his predecessor's impeachment trial is behind him.

Biden underscored how much he wants to move beyond Donald Trump on Tuesday night, repeatedly refusing to talk about the former president and saying at one point, "I'm tired of talking about Donald Trump."

"For four years, all that's been in the news is Trump. For the next four years, I want to make sure all the news is the American people," he said, to applause from the audience.

During the town hall, Biden also offered a flavor of the moderate stance that helped win him purple states like Wisconsin in 2020. He resisted a questioner's request for his administration to embrace the progressive goal of forgiving \$50,000 in student loan debt, reiterating his commitment to forgiving just \$10,000. He suggested one of the ways to improve policing was to provide more funding to police departments, running counter to calls from some progressives to defund the police. He also said he was optimistic about passing legislation to study police reforms.

He also weighed in on the immigration bill his administration is expected to unveil this week. Biden affirmed that a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants is essential for any bill he'll support, but also suggested he'd be open to a piecemeal approach to immigration reform rather than a comprehensive bill, if necessary.

"There's things I would do by itself, but not at the expense of saying I'm never going to do the other," he said.

Biden seemed to revel in his first opportunity for extended interaction with ordinary Americans since the inauguration. Comforting a second-grader who hasn't been able to go to school and was worried about getting the virus, Biden told the girl that children are less likely to get infected, adding, "I wouldn't worry about it, baby, I promise you."

He also offered an intimate description of living in the White House, expressing his discomfort with being tended to by staff. With about a month of White House living under his belt, Biden joked that he wakes up in the morning, looks at his wife, Jill, and asks, "Where the hell are we?" Biden stressed that his massive virus aid bill already has broad public support, and noted some analysts have argued in favor of significant government spending to help boost the economy.

"Now is the time we should be spending," Biden said.

The House is expected to vote on the measure next week. Biden landed on a slick, snow-covered tarmac to below-freezing weather about 90 minutes before the evening program. He took questions from a small audience of Democrats, Republicans and independents invited for a small, socially distant gathering at the historic Pabst Theater.

Biden's trip to Wisconsin, a political battleground state he narrowly won last November, comes as coronavirus infection rates and deaths are falling after the nation endured the two deadliest months so far of the pandemic. The White House is also reporting an increase in the administration of vaccines throughout the country after a slow start.

But Biden has stressed that the nation still has a long road ahead as thousands of Americans die each day in the worst U.S. public health crisis in a century. The virus has killed more than 485,000, and newly emerging variants are complicating the response effort.

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Judge OKs Belk bankruptcy plan

By Austin Weinstein
Tribune News Service

Once one of Charlotte's top companies, Belk filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Houston late Tuesday. It's the first step in the retail icon's reorganization plan that saw its owner, Sycamore Partners, cede a large stake of the company to its lenders while maintaining control.

The bankruptcy plan was approved Wednesday morning. It gave Belk a new infusion of capital and cut its debt load by about \$450 million. Combined, the moves provide the ailing department store chain financial breathing room as it grapples with the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a rare chapter 11, your honor, where everyone wins," said Steven Serajeddini, a lawyer for Belk, to Bankruptcy Judge Marvin Isgur at a Wednesday morning hearing. "Nobody wanted to see a liquidation here,"

Serajeddini said. Belk pledged to have no layoffs or store closures as a part of the bankruptcy. Still, filings that Belk distributed to lenders hint that cuts could come after its exit from bankruptcy.

Belk was able to get in and out of bankruptcy in under 24 hours because Sycamore got almost all of Belk's creditors to approve the terms of the deal in advance in what's known as a pre-packaged bankruptcy. Pre-approval left fewer people with the ability to raise objections and gum up the works of a bankruptcy that is in-process.

A little more than five years since the Belk family sold the department store for \$3 billion, Belk found itself bankrupt after a daunting debt load,

shifting consumers tastes and a dying business model were all magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic. After struggling financially for much of 2020, Sycamore announced in January that Belk would file bankruptcy and restructure.

"The COVID-19 pandemic directly resulted in drastic declines in sales, revenue, and liquidity," said Belk's Chief Financial Officer William Langley in a Tuesday filing alongside the bankruptcy.

Belk only had \$7 million of available cash when it filed for bankruptcy, Matt Fagen, one of Belk's lawyers, said in the hearing. "Belk stands here today with an actionable and comprehensive solution to its capital structure and liquidity issues," Langley said.

End of an era for Belk

While the bankruptcy provides a life raft, the long term sustainability of a department store like Belk is uncertain. Such middle-brow department stores have seen interest wane for years, as stores like TJMaxx, Sephora and Lululemon took their shoppers.

In a bid to capture changing tastes, CEO Lisa Harper said Belk would emphasize home goods, outdoor apparel and activewear going forward, according to the bankruptcy publication Reorg Research.

The bankruptcy has evoked bittersweet memories for many in the Charlotte area, for whom Belk was the place to buy a prom dress or land their first job. Even Isgur joked that the other judge of Houston's bankruptcy court, North Carolina native David Jones, would have had to recuse himself

from the case because of his childhood memories at Belk.

With its headquarters on Tyvola Road in Charlotte, Belk has 17,000 employees and 291 department stores throughout the South. For years, the Belk family that had controlled the business since founding it in 1888 used the stores' profits to fund their roles in Charlotte's civic and philanthropic life. That helped the Belk name become omnipresent in Charlotte, on stadiums, college dormitories and freeways.

While the stores will remain, the bankruptcy signals an implicit end of an era where Belk was not just a local store but a civic institution.

Unexpected venue

The venue for the bankruptcy, the Southern District of Texas, may appear a bit out of place because Belk has no stores in the Houston area. But the district is a hotbed of U.S. bankruptcies. U.S. bankruptcy law effectively lets companies choose where they go bankrupt.

Belk joined Nieman Marcus and others in choosing the Houston venue, where the two-judge panel turns around major corporate reorganizations faster than any other jurisdiction. All of the creditors and shareholders that cast ballots in advance of the filing voted to approve Belk's plan to exit bankruptcy, according to a filing.

Objections made

After addressing a small number of disputes, Isgur confirmed Belk's

bankruptcy plan shortly past 10 a.m. CST after a two-hour hearing.

Before confirming the plan, Isgur drafted an order that allowed those who allege their due process was violated by the speed of the bankruptcy

to be able to object to the plan for roughly a month. That order mollified the concerns of the U.S. Trustee, who had objected to the speed of the process, which Belk's lawyers touted as a record pace for a company of its size.

A slate of other orders were approved that allowed Belk to continue to pay employees, among other tasks. By the end of the morning Belk was poised to return to business as usual, as it has done for over a century.

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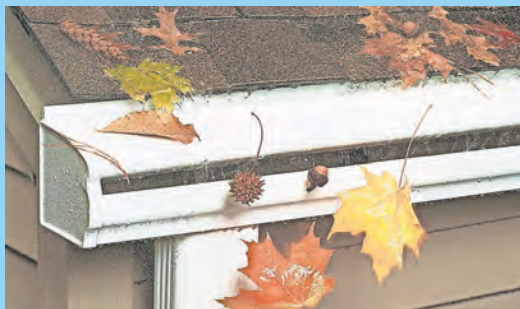
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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of Johnston County, North Carolina, duly commissioned and authorized to administer oaths, affirmations, etc., personally appeared BETH OVERTON, who being duly sworn or affirmed, according to law, doth depose and say that he or she is Accounts Receivable Specialist of the News & Observer Publishing Company, a corporation organized and doing business under the Laws of the State of North Carolina, and publishing a newspaper known as Durham Herald-Sun, Durham County and State aforesaid, the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every such 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, and that as such he or she makes this affidavit; and is familiar with the books, files and business of said corporation and by reference to the files of said publication the attached advertisement

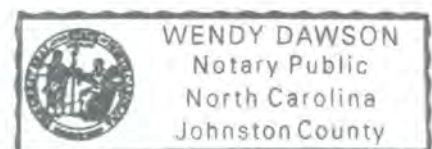
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BETH OVERTON, Accounts Receivable
Specialist

Electronic Notary Public
State of North Carolina
Sworn to and subscribed before me this
1st day of March, 2021

My Commission Expires: 7/10/2023



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BIENNIAL
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans) IRP REPORTS AND RELATED 2020 REPS
COMPLIANCE PLANS

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During the public hearing to be held in this docket, the Commission will receive testimony from nonexpert public witnesses with respect to the most current IRP reports and REPS compliance plans filed in 2020 by Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

A night hearing for the convenience of public witnesses and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony shall be held by the Commission on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. The hearing shall be conducted remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at ncuc.net.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at IRPPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866.380.9816. Testimony will be limited to five minutes per individual.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

Anyone wishing to review the 2020 IRP reports and REPS compliance plans filed by the utilities may do so at the Commission's website, ncuc.net, by selecting the Docket tab and entering Docket No. E-100 Sub 165. Upon request, the Chief Clerk will place copies of the IRPs, compliance plans and any other documents filed in this proceeding in centrally located public libraries where they may be copied without prohibition. Such a request may be made by writing to the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and providing the name and address of the library to which the information is to be mailed.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell

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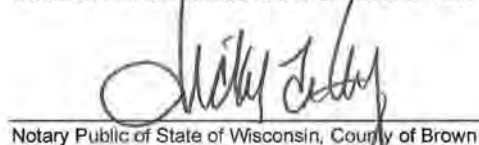
NORTH CAROLINA

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared said legal clerk, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he/she is the **Legal Clerk of The Asheville Citizen-Times**, engaged in publication of a newspaper known as **The Asheville Citizen-Times**, published, issued, and entered as first class mail in the City of Asheville, in Buncombe County and State of North Carolina; that he/she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached here to, was published in **The Asheville Citizen-Times** on the following date(s) 02/18/2021, 02/25/2021. And that the said newspaper in which said 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.

Signed this 25th of February, 2021


Legal Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before the 25th of February, 2021


Notary Public of State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

My Commission expires.

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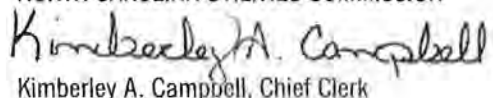
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION


Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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Salisbury Post Publisher's Affidavit Of Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ROWAN COUNTY

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said county and state, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared WINFRED MENTION, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is ADVERTISING OPERATIONS MANAGER of the SALISBURY POST, published, issued and entered as second class mail 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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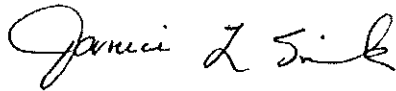
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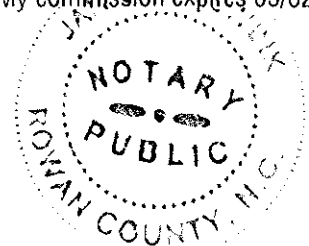
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Sworn and subscribed before me on 02/25/21.



Notary Public

My commission expires 05/02/2021



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Public Notices

No. 1196233

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RELOCATION OF MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Rowan County is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to relocate an existing modular office building from Cleveland, NC to Salisbury, NC.

Proposals are due to David Sifford, Rowan County Purchasing Agent, 130 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Proposals received after the above time will not be considered. The Request for Proposals is posted on the Rowan County website at www.rowancountync.gov and may also be obtained from David Sifford by email at david.sifford@rowancountync.gov or by calling 704-216-8174. During the bid process, all questions must be directed in writing to David Sifford via email at the email address above.

Rowan County reserves the right to waive informalities, reject any and all proposals, solicit new proposals or to award a contract as it deems will best serve its interests.

David Sifford
Rowan County
Finance Department

Publish 02/25/21

No. 1185728

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Linda Louise Wilson late of Rowan County, North Carolina, hereby notifies to all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 5, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 5th day of January, 2021
Jury Perry Wilson
Executor
200 Windridge Lane – Apt. 10
Florence, KY 41042
Emily G. Morris, Esq.
Attorney for Executor
The Law Office of Amanda M. Reed
728 Buffalo Avenue
Suite 200
Concord, North Carolina 28025
Estate File No.: 20 E 1278
Publish 02/04/21, 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21

No. 1189053

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as CO-EXECUTORS for the Estate of JOAN E. TROUTMAN, 3520 OLD UNION CHURCH RD., SALISBURY, NC 28146, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 11, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. MURTI TILLIAM WORTH as EXECUTOR for the estate of BETTY DAN NICHOLAS SPENCER, deceased, Estate File 21E241, 2504 N. EDGEWATER DR., FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28303. ATTORNEY AT LAW: DAVID Y. BINGHAM, 113 W. COUNCIL ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
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No. 1185723

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Lynn Rayfield late of Rowan County, North Carolina, hereby notifies to all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 5, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. DORIS M. YOST as ADMINISTRATOR for the estate of FRANCES KOONTZ MCGARITY, deceased, Estate File 21E241, 527 WHITE OAKS DR., #114, SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 11, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. KIMBERLY K. ROBINSON as EXECUTOR for the estate of J. SCOTT ROBINSON, deceased, Estate File 21E181, 806 COURTSIDE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147, ATTORNEY AT LAW: ROBERT N. CROSSWHITE, 239 E. BROAD ST., STATESVILLE, NC 28677
Publish 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21

No. 1185284

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as CO-EXECUTORS for the Estate of BRENDA STARR BROWN BASINGER, 5632 HIGHWAY 152 E., ROCKWELL, NC 28138, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 12, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. JAMES DAVID BROWN, 151 DOUBLETREE RD., ROCKWELL, NC 28138, ATTORNEY AT LAW: CAROLE CARLTON BROOKS, POB 903, CHINA GROVE, NC 28023
Publish 02/04/21, 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21

No. 1189745

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of DIANNE PRESSLEY ADCOCK, 507 STEVENS ST., CHINA GROVE, NC 28023, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 19, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. CHARLES EUGENE ADCOCK as EXECUTOR for the estate of DIANNE PRESSLEY ADCOCK, deceased, Estate File 21E116, 507 STEVENS ST., CHINA GROVE, NC 28023. ATTORNEY AT LAW/RESIDENT PROCESS AGENT: RICHARD D. LOCKLEAR, 101 S. CENTRAL AVE., POB 56, LANDIS, NC 28088
Publish 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

No. 1196430

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR for the Estate of GEORGE RAYMOND MCGARITY, deceased, Estate File 20E964, 140 ROBERT DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147. ATTORNEY AT LAW: CAROLE CARLTON BROOKS, POB 903, CHINA GROVE, NC 28023
Publish 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21, 03/18/21

No. 1185759

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Lee Mims, Sr., deceased, late of Charleston County, South Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 5th day of May, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations, indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of February, 2021.
Sandra Patricia Mims, Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Lee Mims, Sr.
c/o L. Ashley Saville-Antower, Esq.
ROBERTS & STEVENS, P.A.
P.O. Box 7647
Asheville, NC 28802-7647
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Public Notices

No. 1185322

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the ESTATE OF WILLIAM HAYWOOD STREATER, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file an itemized, verified statement thereof with the undersigned on or before the 5th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement. This 4th day of February, 2021.
Beth R. Setzer, Administrator
Estate of William Haywood Streater, Deceased Rowan County Clerk of Superior Court File 21 E 123 140 North Center Street, Suite 110
Statesville, NC 28677
Beth R. Setzer
BETH R. SETZER ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.C.
P.O. Box 13921 Statesville, NC 28687
Publish 02/04/21, 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21

No. 1192516

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of CLAYTON J. HAGANS, 570 CANNON ROAD, SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. KAREN LYNN HAGANS YOUNG as EXECUTOR for the estate of CLAYTON J. HAGANS, deceased, Estate File 21E171, 125 YOUNG FARM RD., SALISBURY, NC 28144, ATTORNEY AT LAW: SEAN B. SANDISON, 315 N. MAIN STREET, STE 2, SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/14/21, 02/21/21, 02/28/21, 03/07/21

No. 1192873

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of BETTY DAN NICHOLAS SPENCER, 280 TOPSAIL ROAD, SALISBURY, NC 28146 late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. MURTI TILLIAM WORTH as EXECUTOR for the estate of BETTY DAN NICHOLAS SPENCER, deceased, Estate File 21E241, 2504 N. EDGEWATER DR., FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28303. ATTORNEY AT LAW: DAVID Y. BINGHAM, 113 W. COUNCIL ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
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No. 1196426

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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No. 1192900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of J. SCOTT ROBINSON, 806 COURTSIDE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. KIMBERLY K. ROBINSON as EXECUTOR for the estate of J. SCOTT ROBINSON, deceased, Estate File 21E181, 806 COURTSIDE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147, ATTORNEY AT LAW: ROBERT N. CROSSWHITE, 239 E. BROAD ST., STATESVILLE, NC 28677
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No. 1193218

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR for the Estate of MARGARET TREXLER LYONS, 635 TREXLER RD., SALISBURY, NC 28146, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. RICHARD WILLIAM LYONS, JR. as ADMINISTRATOR for the estate of MARGARET TREXLER LYONS, deceased, Estate File 21E217, 455 TREXLER DR., SALISBURY, NC 28146. ATTORNEY AT LAW: JOHN T. HUDSON, 122 N. LEE ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21

No. 1189741

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of MARIE CHAPMAN HAMRICK, 10 E. 13TH ST., KANNAPOLIS, NC 28083, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 19, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. JAMIE DAVID BROWN, 151 DOUBLETREE RD., ROCKWELL, NC 28138, ATTORNEY AT LAW: CAROLE CARLTON BROOKS, POB 903, CHINA GROVE, NC 28023
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No. 1192890

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Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR for the Estate of MARY SUSAN MORRISON, 13060 COOL SPRINGS RD., CLEVELAND, NC 27013, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. DONALD RAY MORRISON as ADMINISTRATOR for the estate of MARY SUSAN MORRISON, deceased, Estate File 21E126, 13060 COOL SPRINGS RD., CLEVELAND, NC 27013. ATTORNEY AT LAW: J. ANDREW PORTER, 129 N. MAIN ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
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No. 1189080

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Having qualified as CO-EXECUTORS for the Estate of NANCY WILSON SWICEGOOD, 589 MANHAFFY DR., SALISBURY, NC 28146-8113, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 11, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. RICK A. WILSON, 206 NORTH TREXLER AVE., ROCKWELL, NC 28138 and LINDA WRENN A. WILSON, 206 NORTH TREXLER AVE., ROCKWELL, NC 28138 as CO-EXECUTORS for the estate of NANCY WILSON SWICEGOOD, deceased, Estate File 21E130.
Publish 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

No. 1196865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of ROGER L. LEONARD, 110 STERLING CT., SALISBURY, NC 28144, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/25/2021. JUSTIN JAMES LEONARD as EXECUTOR for the estate of ROGER L. LEONARD, deceased, Estate File 21E274, 209 CONINGTON WAY, 101 SPRINGS, NC 27540. ATTORNEY AT LAW: RYAN W. MONK, MONK LAW FIRM, PLLC, 1701 FIRST BAXTER CROSSING, STE. 101, FORT MILL, SC 29708.
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Public Notices

No. 1188755

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of RONALD S. POTTS, 215 W. W. VERLY CIRCLE, SALISBURY, NC 28144, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 19, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. LYNDA DIANE KETTINGER as EXECUTOR for the estate of RONALD S. POTTS, deceased, Estate File 21E183, 52 KAYCANS COVE DR., ISLE OF PALMS, SC 29451. ATTORNEY AT LAW/RESIDENT PROCESS AGENT: GLENN E. KETNER, JR., 121 EAST KERR ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

No. 1188760

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of SAM F. THOMASON, 110 WEST RIDGE RD., SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. ANNE THOMASON CURLEE as EXECUTOR for the estate of SAM F. THOMASON, deceased, Estate File 21E180, 240 RIDGE CREEK CT., SALISBURY, NC 28147. ATTORNEY AT LAW/RESIDENT PROCESS AGENT: GLENN E. KETNER, JR., 121 EAST KERR ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

No. 1186089

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of SANDRA KAY CAMPBELL, 1475 PHANIEL CHURCH ROAD, ROCKWELL, NC 28138, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 12, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/04/2021. CHRISTINE CULP as EXECUTOR for the estate of SANDRA KAY CAMPBELL, deceased, Estate File 20E902, 170 MALDARD LANE, ROCKWELL, NC 28138. JOHN T. HUDSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, SHELBY, PETHLE, & HUDSON, PA, 122 N. LEE ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/04/21, 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21

No. 1192293

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of CHARLES JEFFREY SURRATT, 402 FOREST DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. SANDRA SURRATT as EXECUTOR for the estate of CHARLES JEFFREY SURRATT, deceased, Estate File 21E215, 402 FOREST DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147. ATTORNEY AT LAW: ROBERT N. CROSSWHITE, 239 E. BROAD ST., STATESVILLE, NC 28677
Publish 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21

No. 1197174

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of DANIEL LEE MIXON, 1003 OVERHILL RD., SALISBURY, NC 28144, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/25/2021. VYONNE D. MIXON as EXECUTOR for the estate of DANIEL LEE MIXON, deceased, Estate File 21E149, 1003 OVERHILL RD., SALISBURY, NC 28144. ATTORNEY AT LAW: PAULA J. YOST, PO BOX 1385, MOUNT PLEASANT, NC 28124
Publish 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21, 03/18/21

No. 1193229

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR for the Estate of DEBRA JEAN SIMPSON, 130 EASTVILLE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28146, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 26, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. BARBARA S. HILL as ADMINISTRATOR for the estate of DEBRA JEAN SIMPSON, deceased, Estate File 21E227, 120 EASTVILLE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28146. ATTORNEY AT LAW: JOHN T. HUDSON, 122 N. LEE ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21

No. 1189523

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of FRANCES M. MCCRAY, 411 CANDLEWICK DR., SALISBURY, NC 28144, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before MAY 19, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/11/2021. WENDY M. MCKIE as EXECUTOR for the estate of FRANCES M. MCCRAY, deceased, Estate File 21E122, 1719 WOODRUN CIRCLE, SALISBURY, NC 28144. ATTORNEY AT LAW: SHUNYRA MOORE, 316 N. MAIN ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21

No. 1196423

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of HELEN KIMBALL LINN, 1466 E. BROAD RD., SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/25/2021. MARIANNE LINN HAYWOOD as EXECUTOR for the estate of HELEN KIMBALL LINN, deceased, Estate File 21E234, 155 BEVERLY LN., CHINA GROVE, NC 28023. ATTORNEY AT LAW: RICHARD D. LOCKLEAR, POB 56, LANDIS, NC 28088
Publish 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21, 03/18/21

No. 1193254

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of JACK ALVIN HENDREN, 4611 OLD CONCORD RD., SALISBURY, NC 28146, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/18/2021. RICHARD WAYNE HENDREN as EXECUTOR for the estate of JACK ALVIN HENDREN, deceased, Estate File 21E218, 5608 VILLAGE DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147. ATTORNEY AT LAW: JOHN T. HUDSON, 122 N. LEE ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/18/21, 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21

No. 1197089

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR for the Estate of JAMES RANDALL DAKINS, 1330 LENTZ RD., CHINA GROVE, NC 28023, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/25/2021. PATRICIA DAKINS as ADMINISTRATOR for the estate of JAMES RANDALL DAKINS, deceased, Estate File 21E136, 1330 LENTZ RD., CHINA GROVE, NC 28023. ATTORNEY AT LAW: PAULA J. YOST, POB 1385, MT. PLEASANT, NC 28124
Publish 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21, 03/18/21

No. 1185321

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Bettie P. Wingate, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. This 2nd day of February, 2021.

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Beverly W. West, Executrix, Estate of Bettie P. Wingate, 8901 Carleto Court, Charlotte, NC 28214. 20 E 1264, Lucinda L. Fraley, Shuford Caddell & Fraley, LLP, PO Box 198, Salisbury, NC 28145-0198.
Publish 02/04/21, 02/11/21, 02/18/21, 02/25/21

No. 1196419

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as EXECUTOR for the Estate of KAREN BECK RUFFY, 109 TREMONT DR., SALISBURY, NC 28147, late of Rowan County, NC. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before JUNE 2, 2021. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. Today's date 02/25/2021. DIANE REARDON as EXECUTOR for the estate of KAREN BECK RUFFY, deceased, Estate File 21E211, 735 TRATON CR., CONCORD, NC 28025. ATTORNEY AT LAW: BRADLEY J. NANCE, 214 EAST INNES ST., SALISBURY, NC 28144
Publish 02/25/21, 03/04/21, 03/11/21, 03/18/21

No. 1193244

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Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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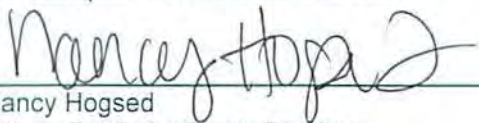
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2020 BIENNIAL
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan) IRP REPORTS AND RELATED 2020 REPS
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans) COMPLIANCE PLANS

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A right hearing for the convenience of public witnesses and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony shall be held by the Commission on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. This hearing shall be conducted remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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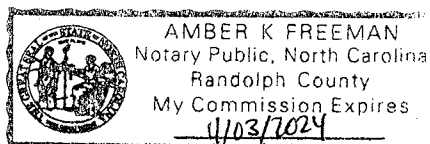
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Signed this 25th of February, 2021


Legal Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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February 16, 2021 February 23, 2021

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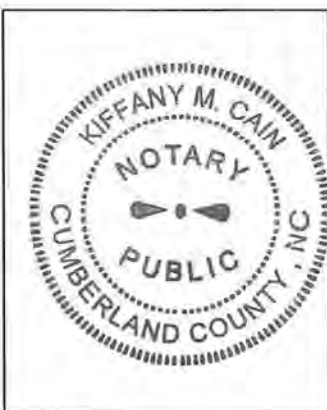
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IN BRIEF

MOSCOW
Human rights court demands
Russia release Navalny

Europe’s top human rights court has ordered Russia to release jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, a ruling that will be unlikely to soften the Kremlin’s determination to isolate its most prominent foe.

The ruling by the European Court of Human Rights that was posted on Navalny’s website on Wednesday demands that Russia set him free immediately and warns that failing to do so would mark a breach of the European human rights convention.

Navalny, 44, an anti-corruption investigator and President Vladimir Putin’s most prominent critic, was arrested last month upon returning from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian authorities have rejected the accusation.

Earlier this month, a Moscow court sentenced Navalny to two years and eight months in prison for violating terms of his probation while recuperating in Germany. The sentence stems from a 2014 embezzlement conviction that Navalny has rejected as fabricated and the European court has ruled to be unlawful.

In its Tuesday’s ruling, the ECHR pointed to Rule 39 of its regulations and obliged the Russian government to release Navalny, citing “the nature and extent of risk to the applicant’s life.”

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
Former Trump casino
goes out with a bang

A spot on the Atlantic City Boardwalk where movie stars, athletes and rock stars used to party — and a future president honed his instincts for bravado and hype — was reduced to a dusty pile of rubble on Wednesday.

The former Trump Plaza casino was imploded after falling into such disrepair that chunks of the building began peeling off and crashing to the ground.

A series of loud explosions rocked the building around 9 a.m., and it started to collapse almost like a wave from back to front until it went straight down in a giant cloud of dust that enveloped the beach and Boardwalk. Overall, it took the structure less than 20 seconds to collapse.

“I got chills,” Mayor Marty Small said. “This is a historic moment. It was exciting.”

He estimated the remaining pile of rubble is about eight stories tall, and would be removed by June 10. Some of it could be used by environmentalists interested in building an artificial fishing reef off the coast of Atlantic City.

DEERFIELD BEACH, FLA.
Authorities: Men posed as
US marshals to avoid masks

Two men are accused of pretending to be federal marshals and flashing phoney credentials to get out of wearing facial coverings at a South Florida resort hotel.

When the staff at the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort asked Walter Wayne Brown Jr., 53, and Gary Brummett, 81, to cover their faces, the men refused, and threatened to arrest employees and saddle the hotel with a fine, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported.

The scheme collapsed when one employee thought they were acting suspicious and called police on Feb. 11. Officers and a real U.S. marshal arrived and arrested the men on charges of impersonating a federal officer.

A hotel manager told investigators Brummett went to the front desk earlier this month to ask for a coffee and then pretended to be a marshal when he was asked to don a mask, a federal complaint said. He then flashed a laminated card that said he was medically exempt from wearing a mask.

Rush Limbaugh, ‘voice of American conservatism,’ has died

By Matt Sedensky
The Associated Press

Rush Limbaugh, the talk radio host who ripped into liberals and laid waste to political correctness with a captivating brand of malice that made him one of the most powerful voices in politics, influencing the rightward push of American conservatism and the rise of Donald Trump, died Wednesday. He was 70.

Limbaugh said a year ago that he had lung cancer. His death was announced on his show by his wife, Kathryn.

Unflinchingly conservative, wildly partisan, bombastically self-promoting and larger than life, Limbaugh galvanized listeners for more than 30 years with his talent for sarcastic, insult-laced commentary.

He called himself an entertainer, but his three-hour weekday radio show broadcast on nearly 600 U.S. stations helped shape the national political conversation, swaying ordinary Republicans and the direction of their party.

“In my heart and soul, I know I have become the intellectual engine of the conservative movement,” Limbaugh, with typical immodesty, told author Zev Chafets in the 2010 book “Rush Limbaugh: An Army of One.”

He called himself a “truth detector” and “harmless, lovable little fuzz ball” but

often trafficked in lies and conspiracies with contempt for his opposition that often veered into cruelty.

When actor Michael J. Fox, suffering from Parkinson’s disease, appeared in a Democratic campaign commercial, Limbaugh mocked his tremors. When a Washington advocate for the homeless killed himself, he cracked jokes. As the AIDS epidemic raged in the 1980s, he made the dying a punchline. He called 12-year-old Chelsea Clinton a dog.

He suggested that the Democrats’ stand on reproductive rights would have led to the abortion of Jesus Christ. When a woman accused Duke University lacrosse players of rape, he derided her as a “ho,” and when a Georgetown University law student supported expanded contraceptive coverage, he dismissed her as a “slut.” When Barack Obama was elected president in 2008, Limbaugh said flatly: “I hope he fails.”

He was frequently accused of bigotry and blatant racism but could often enunciate the Republican platform better and more entertainingly than any party leader, becoming a GOP kingmaker.

Trump, like a long line of conservative politicians before him, heaped praise on Limbaugh, and during last year’s State of the Union speech, awarded him the Presidential Medal

of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. On Wednesday, Trump lauded Limbaugh on Fox News as “a legend” who “was fighting till the very end.”

Limbaugh influenced the likes of Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Bill O’Reilly and countless other conservative commentators who pushed the boundaries of what passes as acceptable public discourse.

His brand of blunt, no-gray-area debate spread to cable TV, town hall meetings, political rallies and Congress itself, emerging during the battles over health care and the ascent of the tea party movement.

“What he did was to bring a paranoia and really mean, nasty rhetoric and hyperpartisanship into the mainstream,” said Martin Kaplan, a University of Southern California professor who is an expert on the intersection of politics and entertainment and a frequent critic of Limbaugh. “The kind of antagonism and vituperativeness that characterized him instantly became acceptable everywhere.”

Rush Hudson Limbaugh III was born Jan. 12, 1951, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. His mother was the former Mildred Armstrong, and his father, Rush Limbaugh Jr., was a lawyer.

Rusty, as the younger Limbaugh was known, was chubby and shy, with little interest in school but



Rush Limbaugh reacts as first Lady Melania Trump, and his wife, Kathryn, applaud President Donald Trump during his 2020 State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

a passion for broadcasting. He would turn down the television during St. Louis Cardinals baseball games, offering play-by-play, and gave running commentary during the evening news. By high school, he had snagged a radio job.

Limbaugh dropped out of Southeast Missouri State University for a string of DJ gigs in which he was known as Rusty Sharpe and then Jeff Christie on the air, spinning Top 40 hits and sprinkling glimpses of his wit and conservatism.

“One of the early reasons radio interested me was that I thought it would make me popular,” he once wrote.

But he didn’t gain the following he craved and gave up on radio for several years, beginning in 1979, becoming promotions director for baseball’s Kansas City Royals. He ultimately

returned to broadcasting, again in Kansas City and then Sacramento, California.

It was there in the early 1980s that Limbaugh really garnered an audience, broadcasting shows dripping with sarcasm and bravado. The stage name was gone. Rush Limbaugh was on the air, and the public figure who would become known to millions essentially was born.

Limbaugh began broadcasting nationally in 1988 from WABC in New York. While his know-it-all commentary quickly gained traction, he was dismayed by his reception in the big city. He thought he would be welcomed by Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather.

“I came to New York,” he wrote, “and I immediately became a nothing, a zero.”

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Feb. 18**, the 49th day of 2021. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:
On Feb. 18, 1970, the “Chicago Seven” defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).
On this date:
In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.
In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.
In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now

designated a “dwarf planet”) was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.
In 1943, Madame Chiang Kai-shek (chang ky-shehk), wife of the Chinese leader, addressed members of the Senate and then the House, becoming the first Chinese national to address both houses of the U.S. Congress.
In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, California, by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.
In 1967, American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 62.
In 1972, the California

Supreme Court struck down the state’s death penalty.
In 1983, 13 people were shot to death at a gambling club in Seattle’s Chinatown in what became known as the Wah Mee Massacre. (Two men were convicted of the killings and are serving life sentences; a third was found guilty of robbery and assault.)
In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
In 1997, astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery completed their tune-up of the Hubble Space Telescope after 33 hours of spacewalking; the Hubble was then released using the shuttle’s crane.

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Judge approves Chapter 11 bankruptcy plan for Belk chain

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A judge approved Chapter 11 bankruptcy plans for North Carolina-based Belk on Wednesday, creating a new infusion of capital and cutting the debt load for the beleaguered department store chain.

The judge approved the plan during a hearing in Houston, The Charlotte Observer reported. The move provides the ailing chain with financial breathing room as it wrestles with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It's the first step in a plan in which owner Sycamore Partners transfers a large stake of the company to its lenders while maintaining control.

"This is a rare Chapter 11, your honor, where

everyone wins," Steven Serajeddini, a lawyer for Belk, told Bankruptcy Judge Marvin Isgur at a Wednesday morning hearing.

"Nobody wanted to see a liquidation here," Serajeddini said.

Belk pledged to have no layoffs or store closures as a part of the bankruptcy. Still, filings that Belk distributed to lenders hint that cuts could come after it exits bankruptcy.

Sycamore got almost all of Belk's creditors to approve the terms of the deal in advance in what's known as a pre-packaged bankruptcy, according to the newspaper. Preapproval left fewer parties with the ability to raise objections and affect the bankruptcy process.

Chief Financial Officer William Langley said in a filing accompanying the bankruptcy that the COVID-19 pandemic led directly to drastic declines in sales, revenue and liquidity. Belk furloughed workers in March as the pandemic hit and cut senior staff pay up to 50% as stores temporarily closed.

In July, Belk cut an undisclosed number of jobs, mostly at its headquarters in Charlotte. The cut followed the elimination of 80 corporate jobs in February.

Belk has approximately 17,000 employees at its nearly 291 stores in 16 Southeastern states. Its corporate offices opened in 1988 in Charlotte and now have about 1,300 workers.

STATE IN BRIEF

North Carolina women's school to add health-oriented majors

WINSTON-SALEM — A North Carolina women's college says it plans to add health-oriented majors to its curriculum beginning in the fall.

Salem College said in a news release on Wednesday that it will be offering health sciences, health humanities and health advocacy and humanitarian systems.

The Winston-Salem school also says it is offering women's leadership development programming, a renewed core liberal arts curriculum and expanded internship and service-learning opportunities, all centered on leadership and health.

Sarah L. Berga, member of the Salem Academy and College Board of Trustees and professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Buffalo, said as the nation enters a post-COVID world, it's critical

to develop a new generation and network of women prepared to drive progress among the myriad of intersecting health issues.

Salem College, founded in 1772, is the nation's oldest educational institution for girls and women in the U.S.

Prosecutors: Woman went shopping with \$150K virus relief loan

CHARLOTTE — A North Carolina woman who lied to get a coronavirus relief loan spent the money on shopping excursions to Nieman Marcus, Nordstrom, Louis Vuitton and diamond stores, federal prosecutors said.

Jasmine Johnnae Clifton, 24, appeared in court Monday and was later released on \$25,000 bond, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina.

The release said Clifton applied in March for a Small Business Administration loan designed to provide

relief to existing businesses harmed by pandemic shutdowns. She created false documents claiming \$350,000 in gross revenue in 12 months for her online clothing business, Jazzy Jas, even though other paperwork filed in early 2020 showed the company was effectively dissolved in September 2019, it said.

The loan application was approved in early August and Clifton received \$149,900, which she later spent at over two dozen retailers, also shopping at Ikea and Rooms to Go, the release said.

On Feb. 17, a grand jury indicted Clifton on wire fraud in relation to a disaster benefit and fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency benefits.

If convicted, Clifton faces 30 years for each charge and a possible \$1,250,000 combined fine. Clifton's defender declined to comment on the charges Tuesday.

The Associated Press

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next year for Congress, the U.S. Senate, the state legislature and county government offices be postponed from March 9 until May 3 due to the late Census data. The data was supposed to be released in March of this year, but now is on track for September, the Census Bureau has said. It's late because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency has said.

Bell presented her thoughts on Tuesday during a meeting of the State Board of Elections. The board took no action.

She is scheduled to discuss her ideas further at the state House Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform Committee at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. While existing law would shift some of the fall 2021 municipal elections to 2022 due to the tardy Census data, the full scope of Bell's proposal can't happen without the approval of the N.C. General Assembly.

Late Census data

Bell's proposal to postpone the elections stems

from the need to use the Census data to revise district maps for city council and town boards in 62 of the municipalities before the next elections. Every 10 years, the maps are redrawn to reflect population increases and decreases and to ensure the districts within a municipality all have about the same number of residents.

The municipal elections are supposed to start in July with candidate filings and under newly revised district maps. But it will be impossible to have new district maps ready and to start the races in July if the Census data required to make the maps is unavailable until September.

Even though only 62 cities and towns used districts or wards (and only 35 of those 62 require the voters to live in the districts for which they are voting, the rest hold at-large votes for the district seats), Bell on Tuesday suggested it would be best to postpone all of the state's municipal elections in order to reduce voter confusion and to save the municipalities' some of the expenses in conducting the elections.

Bell said it will take two months to process the

Census information into the computer databases. The data is used to show exactly where more than 10 million people live in North Carolina, and thereby draw accurate district maps.

And that two-month data-processing time could impinge on the 2022 elections for Congress, the General Assembly and for county offices, Bell said. The filing period for the 2022 races is supposed to start in early December, and there is concern that new maps that will be required for Congress, the legislature and county districts won't be finished in time.

So Bell proposes postponing the 2022 filing period and moving the 2022 primaries from March 9 to May 3. She would hold second primaries on July 12 instead of in May.

Until 2016, North Carolina typically held its primaries in May. They were moved to March to give the state more say in the outcome of the presidential primaries.

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DRIVING

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replacement of the police chief and the city manager who backed him. Reforms were instituted.

They included an intervention by U.S. Justice Department officials who arrived in the city to conduct a top-down review of Fayetteville Police Department policies and procedures, at the request of then-chief Harold Medlock.

In 2016, then-U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch came to visit the Police Department, holding it up as a model of community policing.

Among changes implemented after the DWB controversy was a requirement that officers had to obtain drivers' written consent to search their vehicles.

Additionally, Medlock issued an order that

drivers should be stopped for only the most serious offenses, ones that could cause death or injury. Stops and searches of all drivers plummeted.

But now Williams and others say driving while Black is back. He says it's just the facts, pointing to numbers he says show that the percent of Black drivers searched compared to white drivers is out of proportion.

Fayetteville Police Chief Gina Hawkins challenges the idea that her officers are conducting biased policing — and says the picture is more complicated.

This week, fayobserver.com and The Fayetteville Observer will take a closer look at the numbers of stops and searches — what those numbers say and what they mean, in a series of stories on Driving While Black. We interviewed people in law enforcement, in the community and experts on policing.

We share stories of Black drivers and their encounters with police, and what Black parents tell their children about how to interact during a traffic stop.

We also look at policies and practices in other departments in Spring Lake, Hope Mills and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Be sure to tune into Facebook on Monday afternoon, where I will interview the two reporters, Steve DeVane and John Henderson, who worked on our stories. Bring your questions.

Along the way, we hope to inspire many conversations about whether we still have a problem related to driving while Black — and what solutions we can pursue to deal with it.

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COVID

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The rate of positive COVID-19 tests has decreased over the past month from the low double-digits to 6%.

"After alarmingly high numbers throughout the winter holidays, North Carolina's trends have declined," Cooper said.

More than 1.2 million people in North Carolina have received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose. Recipients need two doses of the shots, administered several weeks apart. In total, close to 2.2 million doses have been administered in the state.

Despite the positive news, officials cautioned that variants of the virus could pose a unique threat as the state eases restrictions.

"Those new COVID-19 variants are a wild card," state Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen said at the news conference. "We've seen in the past how fragile progress can be."

The increased capacity limits for athletic events came as welcome news for Haywood County Schools associate superintendent Trevor Putnam.

He said his district can



Dr. Mandy Cohen, secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, speaks during a briefing at the Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh on Wednesday.



N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper speaks during a briefing at the Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh on Wednesday.

[ETHAN HYMAN PHOTOS/THE NEWS & OBSERVER VIA AP]

now sell around 2,000 more tickets to this Friday's football game between rivals Pisgah High School and Tuscola High School.

At around \$7 a ticket, he estimated the game could now generate about \$14,000 more in revenue

for the district.

"To get 30% capacity is in line with what we had hoped for," Putnam said.

"It's a tried and true method used with the colleges and universities, and we feel good about it."

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This the 2nd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell
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NORTH CAROLINA
WAYNE COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State,
duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths,
personally appeared David Rouse

who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he (she) is

IT Manager

(Publisher, or other officer or employee authorized to make affidavit) of
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP, engaged in the publication of a newspaper
known as GOLDSBORO NEWS-ARGUS, published, issued, and entered
as second class mail in the city of Goldsboro in said County and State;
that he (she) is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that
the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached
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and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or
legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each, and every
such publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and
qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina
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This 9th day of March, 20 21

David Rouse
(Signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of

March, 20 21
Kimberly A. Campbell
Notary Public

My Commission expires: August 5, 2023

KIMBERLY A LANGLEY
Notary Public
Wayne County, NC

"up in position to at least now," McDowell said, right?"

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BIENNIAL
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans) REPS REPORTS AND RELATED 2020 REPS
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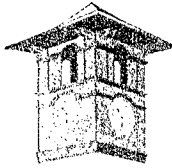
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberly A. Campbell
Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

NOTARY
PUBLIC

This 2nd Day of March 2021

Gina Eaves
Gina Eaves

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 2nd Day of March, 2021

Tamara Bates McGhee
Tamara Bates McGhee
Notary Public

My commission expires:
May 28, 2023

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared GINA EAVES, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is Publisher (Owner, partner, publisher, or other officer or employee authorized to make this affidavit) of Henderson Newspapers, Inc., engaged in the publication of a newspaper known as The Daily Dispatch, published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the City of Henderson, in said County and State; that she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in The Daily Dispatch on the following dates:

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This 1 day of March, 2021

Stacey Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1 day of
March, 2021

Tisha Williams

My commission expires: August 5, 2022





City of Richardson worker Kaleb Love breaks ice on a frozen fountain Tuesday in Richardson, Texas. [JIM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Power outages linger for millions as another icy storm looms

By Paul J. Weber and Jill Bleed
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Nearly 3.4 million utility customers around the U.S. were still without power Wednesday in the aftermath of a winter storm that overwhelmed power grids unprepared for climate change, and another blast of snow and ice threatened to impede the efforts to restore service.

The latest storm front was expected to bring more hardship to parts of Texas, Arkansas and the Lower Mississippi Valley before moving to the Northeast on Thursday. "There's really no letup to some of the misery people are feeling across that area," said Bob Oravec, lead forecaster with the National Weather Service, referring to Texas.

More than 100 million people live in areas covered by some type of winter weather warning, watch or advisory, the weather service said.

More than two dozen people have died in the extreme weather this week, some while struggling to find warmth inside their homes. In the Houston area, one family succumbed to carbon monoxide from car exhaust in their garage. Another perished as they used a fireplace to keep warm.

Record low temperatures were reported in city after city. Scientists say the polar vortex, a weather pattern that usually keeps to the Arctic, is increasingly spilling into lower latitudes and sticking around longer, and global warming caused by humans is partly responsible.

Utilities from Minnesota to Texas and Mississippi have implemented rolling blackouts to ease the burden on power grids straining to meet extreme demand for heat and electricity. In

Mexico, rolling blackouts Tuesday covered more than one-third of the country after the storms in Texas cut the supply of imported natural gas.

More than 3 million customers remained without power in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, more than 200,000 more in four Appalachian states, and nearly that many in the Pacific Northwest, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks utility outage reports.

The weather has also threatened the nation's COVID-19 vaccination effort. President Joe Biden's administration said delays in vaccine shipments and deliveries were likely.

The worst U.S. power outages by far have been in Texas, where officials requested 60 generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and planned to prioritize hospitals and nursing homes. The state opened 35 shelters to more than 1,000 occupants, the agency said.

Texas' power grid manager, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, said electricity had been restored to 600,000 homes and businesses by Tuesday night but that 2.7 million households were still without power.

Oklahoma's largest electric utility reported no outages Wednesday, a day after rolling blackouts in and around Oklahoma City stopped electric-powered space heaters, furnaces and lights in minus-8 degree weather. But Oklahoma Gas & Electric warned customers of the potential for more short-term service interruptions due to the extreme cold and high demand for natural gas.

Nebraska also avoided another round of rolling power outages as subzero temperatures started to ease.

Entergy imposed rolling blackouts Tuesday night in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Southeast Texas at the direction of its grid manager, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, "as a last resort and in order to prevent more extensive, prolonged power outages," according to a statement from the New Orleans-based utility.

The Southwest Power Pool, a group of utilities covering 14 states, said the blackouts were "a last resort to preserve the reliability of the electric system as a whole."

Vice President Kamala Harris addressed those who had lost power during a live interview Wednesday on NBC's "Today."

"I know they can't see us right now because they're without electricity, but the president and I are thinking of them and really hope that we can do everything that is possible through the signing of the emergency orders to get federal relief to support them," Harris said.

The weather also caused major disruptions to water systems in the Texas cities of Houston, Fort Worth, Galveston, Corpus Christi and in Memphis, Tennessee, and Shreveport, Louisiana, where city fire trucks delivered water to several hospitals and bottled water was being brought in for patients and staff, KSLA News reported. In Houston, residents were told to boil their water — if they had power to do so — because of a major drop in water pressure linked to the weather.

In Abilene, Texas, firefighters were hampered by low water pressure as they tried to extinguish a house fire this week, the Abilene Reporter News reported.

"They had to watch that house burn," City Manager Robert Hanna said Tuesday at a news conference.

'A complete bungle': Texas' energy pride goes out with cold

By Paul J. Weber
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Anger over Texas' power grid failing in the face of a record winter freeze continued to mount Wednesday as millions of residents in the energy capital of the U.S. remained shivering with no assurances that their electricity and heat — out since Monday in many homes — would return soon or stay on once it finally does.

"I know people are angry and frustrated," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said Tuesday. "So am I."

In all, nearly 3 million customers in Texas still had no power Wednesday after historic snowfall and single-digit temperatures created a surge in demand for electricity to warm up homes unaccustomed to such extreme lows, buckling the state's power grid and causing widespread blackouts. A large swath of Texas was under yet another winter storm warning Wednesday.

Making matters worse: Expectations that the outages would be a shared sacrifice by the state's 30 million residents quickly gave way to a cold reality, as pockets in some of America's largest cities, including San Antonio, Dallas and Austin, were left to shoulder the last-lingering brunt of a catastrophic power failure, and in sub-freezing conditions that Texas' grid operators had known was coming.

The breakdown sparked growing outrage and demands for answers over how Texas — whose Republican leaders as recently as last year taunted California



A man climbs out of a van as he is moved to a warming shelter at Travis Park Methodist Church to help escape sub-freezing temperatures Tuesday in San Antonio. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

over the Democratic-led state's rolling blackouts — failed such a massive test of a major point of state pride: energy independence. And it cut through politics, as fuming Texans took to social media to highlight how while their neighbors froze in the dark Monday night, downtown skylines glowed despite desperate calls to conserve energy.

"We are very angry. I was checking on my neighbor, she's angry, too," said Amber Nichols in north Austin. "We're all angry because there is no reason to leave entire neighborhoods freezing to death."

She crunched through ice wearing a parka and galoshes, while her neighbors dug out their driveways from 6 inches (15 centimeters) of snow to move their cars.

"This is a complete bungle," she said.

The toll of the outages was causing increasing worry. Harris County emergency officials reported "several carbon monoxide deaths" in or around Houston and reminded people not

to operate cars or gasoline-powered generators indoors. Authorities said three young children and their grandmother, who were believed to be trying to keep warm, also died in a suburban Houston house fire early Tuesday. In Galveston, the medical examiner's office requested a refrigerated truck to expand body storage, although County Judge Mark Henry said he didn't know how many deaths there had been related to the weather.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott called for an investigation Tuesday of the grid manager, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. His indignation struck a much different tone than just a day earlier, when he told Texans that ERCOT was prioritizing residential customers and that power was getting restored to hundreds of thousands of homes.

But hours after those assurances, the number of outages in Texas only rose, at one point exceeding 4 million customers.

"This is unacceptable," Abbott said.

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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Kimberly A. Campbell
Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

OBITUARIES

George S. Giffin

George S. Giffin, 96, of New Bern, NC, passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. He was born Sept. 5, 1924, in Dracut, Mass., the son of William and Marion Sanborn Giffin.

George was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Kathleen Augusta Mattson Giffin, and his son, Douglas George Giffin of Chesapeake, Va. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Giffin Jones, and her husband, Richard, of Hillsborough, NC, and several nieces and nephews.

George often called himself the luckiest man in the "Greatest Generation." He enlisted in the Marines in 1943 and, after basic training, was assigned to the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., where he studied radio

technology. He continued electrical engineering training in Philadelphia and, on a weekend leave, met his future wife, Kam, in Washington, DC. In 1945, he was transferred to Hawaii to await reassignment, and stayed there until the war in the Pacific ended. He was then reassigned to electrical engineering school at Villanova University in Philadelphia. After leaving the Marines in 1946, he and his new bride moved to Madison, Wisc., where he completed a degree in electrical engineering.

His engineering career was spent mostly with ITT, which moved him to assignments in Fort Wayne, IN, the Chicago suburbs, Nutley, NJ, and Roanoke, VA., and sent him on business trips to Asia, the Middle East

and Europe. His achievements included work on a radio antenna on one of the nation's first satellites and managing a team developing night vision goggles.

In his spare time and in retirement, George enjoyed playing bridge, gardening, golfing and fishing, both fresh and saltwater. He loved his retirement home in Fairfield Harbor, and spending time at the beach. He and Kam often saw in the new year on the Bogue Banks. He was a devoted husband and caring parent, even getting out of bed to clean the kids' late-night catch.

Online condolences may be directed to www.pollockbest.com.

Arrangements are by Pollock-Best Funerals and Cremations.

Edgar McArthur Burney

Edgar McArthur Burney, 73, of Pollocksville, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House.

His service is 1 p.m. Saturday at New Bern Memorial Cemetery, 1112 Chelsea Road, New Bern.

He is survived by two daughters, Teirra Hodges of Pollocksville and Calandra Murphy of Jacksonville; one sister, Sheila Simmons of Pollocksville; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Masks are required. Seating is limited, please bring a chair.

Arrangements are by Oscar's Mortuary, Inc.

Phillip Jerome Holloway

Phillip Jerome Holloway, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at Atrium Health Mercy Hospital, Charlotte. Arrangements are by Oscar's Mortuary, Inc.

ELECTIONS

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supposed to be released in March of this year, but now is on track for September, the Census Bureau has said. It's late because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency has said.

Bell presented her thoughts on Tuesday during a meeting of the State Board of Elections. The board took no action.

She is scheduled to discuss her ideas further at the state House Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform Committee at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. While existing law would shift some of the fall 2021 municipal elections to 2022 due to the tardy Census data, the full scope of Bell's proposal can't happen without the approval of the N.C. General Assembly.

Late Census data

Bell's proposal to postpone the elections stems from the need to use the Census data to revise district maps for city council and town boards in 62 of the municipalities before the next elections. Every 10 years, the maps are redrawn to reflect population increases and decreases and to ensure the districts within a municipality all have about the same number of residents.

The municipal elections are supposed to start in July with candidate filings and under newly revised district maps. But it will be impossible to have new district maps ready and to start the races in July if the Census data required to make the maps is unavailable until September.

Even though only 62 cities and towns used districts or wards (and only 35 of those 62 require the voters to live in the districts for which they are voting, the rest hold at-large votes for the district seats), Bell on Tuesday suggested it would be best to postpone all of the state's municipal elections in order to reduce voter confusion and to save the municipalities' some of the expenses in conducting the elections.

Bell said it will take two months to process the Census information into the computer databases. The data is used to show exactly where more than 10



North Carolina's 2021 municipal elections and 2022 primaries could be postponed because the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed release of the latest Census data needed to revise the voting districts. (TOVFLA/GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO)

million people live in North Carolina, and thereby draw accurate district maps.

And that two-month data-processing time could impinge on the 2022 elections for Congress, the General Assembly and for county offices, Bell said. The filing period for the 2022 races is supposed to start in early December, and there is concern that new maps that will be required for Congress, the legislature and county districts won't be finished in time.

So Bell proposes postponing the 2022 filing period and moving the 2022 primaries from March 9 to May 3. She would hold second primaries on July 12 instead of in May.

Until 2016, North

Carolina typically held its primaries in May. They were moved to March to give the state more say in the outcome of the presidential primaries.

Senior North Carolina reporter Paul Woolverson can be reached at 910-261-4710 and pwoolverson@gannett.com.

Judge OKs Belk bankruptcy plan

By Austin Weinstein
Tribune News Service

Once one of Charlotte's top companies, Belk filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Houston late Tuesday. It's the first step in the retail icon's reorganization plan that saw its owner, Sycamore Partners, cede a large stake of the company to its lenders while maintaining control.

The bankruptcy plan was approved Wednesday morning. It gave Belk a new infusion of capital and cut its debt load by about \$450 million. Combined, the moves provide the ailing department store chain financial breathing room as it grapples with the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a rare chapter 11, your honor, where everyone wins," said Steven Serajeddini, a lawyer for Belk, to Bankruptcy Judge Marvin Isgur at a Wednesday morning hearing. "Nobody wanted to see a liquidation here,"

Serajeddini said. Belk pledged to have no layoffs or store closures as a part of the bankruptcy. Still, filings that Belk distributed to lenders hint that cuts could come after its exit from bankruptcy.

Belk was able to get in and out of bankruptcy in under 24 hours because Sycamore got almost all of Belk's creditors to approve the terms of the deal in advance in what's known as a pre-packaged bankruptcy. Pre-approval left fewer people with the ability to raise objections and gum up the works of a bankruptcy that is in-process.

A little more than five years since the Belk family sold the department store for \$3 billion, Belk found itself bankrupt after a daunting debt load, shifting consumers tastes and a dying business model were all magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic. After struggling financially for much of 2020, Sycamore announced in January that Belk would

file bankruptcy and restructure.

"The COVID-19 pandemic directly resulted in drastic declines in sales, revenue, and liquidity," said Belk's Chief Financial Officer William Langley in a Tuesday filing alongside the bankruptcy.

Belk only had \$7 million of available cash when it filed for bankruptcy, Matt Fagen, one of Belk's lawyers, said in the hearing.

"Belk stands here today with an actionable and comprehensive solution to its capital structure and liquidity issues," Langley said.

End of an era for Belk

While the bankruptcy provides a life raft, the long term sustainability of a department store like Belk is uncertain. Such middlebrow department stores have seen interest wane for years, as stores like TJMaxx, Sephora and Lululemon took their shoppers.

In a bid to capture changing tastes, CEO Lisa Harper said Belk would emphasize home goods, outdoor apparel and activewear going forward, according to the bankruptcy publication Reorg Research.

The bankruptcy has evoked bitter-sweet memories for many in the Charlotte area, for whom Belk was the place to buy a prom dress or land their first job. Even Isgur joked that the other judge of Houston's bankruptcy court, North Carolina native David Jones, would have had to recuse himself from the case because of his childhood memories at Belk.

With its headquarters on Tyvola Road in Charlotte, Belk has 17,000 employees and 291 department stores throughout the South. For years, the Belk family that had controlled the business since founding it in 1888 used the stores' profits to fund their roles in Charlotte's civic and philanthropic life. That helped the Belk name

become omnipresent in Charlotte, on stadiums, college dormitories and freeways.

While the stores will remain, the bankruptcy signals an implicit end to an era where Belk was not just a local store but a civic institution.

Unexpected venue

The venue for the bankruptcy, the Southern District of Texas, may appear a bit out of place because Belk has no stores in the Houston area. But the district is a hotbed of U.S. bankruptcies. U.S. bankruptcy law effectively lets companies choose where they go bankrupt.

Belk joined Nieman Marcus and others in choosing the Houston venue, where the two-judge panel turns around major corporate reorganizations faster than any other jurisdiction. All of the creditors and shareholders that cast ballots in advance of the filing voted to approve Belk's plan to exit bankruptcy, according to a filing.

Objections made

After addressing a small number of disputes, Isgur confirmed Belk's bankruptcy plan shortly past 10 a.m. CST after a two-hour hearing.

Before confirming the plan, Isgur drafted an order that allowed those who allege their due process was violated by the speed of the bankruptcy to be able to object to the plan for roughly a month. That order mollified the concerns of the U.S. Trustee, who had objected to the speed of the process, which Belk's lawyers touted as a record pace for a company of its size.

A slate of other orders were approved that allowed Belk to continue to pay employees, among other tasks. By the end of the morning Belk was poised to return to business as usual, as it has done for over a century.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BIENNIAL
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Persons desiring to present testimony for the record must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at IRPpublichearing@ncpsc.nc.gov or by calling, 866-980-5835. Testimony will be limited to five minutes per individual.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION (X)

This the 23rd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
K. Ambrose, J.A. Campbell
Kimberly A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain 2019 CDBG-I Program

February 25, 2021

Pollocksville has received grant funding listed above and has reviewed the program for compliance with FEMA floodplain and wetland requirements. This is to give notice the Pollocksville has conducted an evaluation, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the 2019 CDBG-I Program also known as 19-1-3111. The proposed program activities in the floodplain are located at the existing Pollocksville wastewater treatment plant (wwp) facility and will include construction of a new wastewater treatment facility at the existing site and will involve less than one acre in the AE floodplain. Pollocksville has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. Alternatives include construction of a new facility at another site which will create environmental issues associated with siting a new wwp facility and increase costs due to land acquisition and preparation. The Town also considered the alternative of no action which will not address the environmental problems resulting from deficiencies at the existing plant described in the CDBG-I funding application. The Town selected the most favorable alternative to construct a new wwp on the existing wwp site and construct the facility to mitigate any future flood damage. The small footprint of the wwp will have a negligible effect on the AE floodplain.

Pollocksville has reevaluated the alternatives to activities in the floodplain and has determined it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of the Eight Step Process are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment due to affecting less than one acre and the minimal footprint of the structures involved. There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received by Pollocksville by March 4, 2021 by the individual listed below at the address listed below. Comments may also be submitted to or further information can be requested via email at admin@townofpollockville.com. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the address listed below. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact the individual listed below for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma a petición. Póngase en contacto con el individuo que figura a continuación para alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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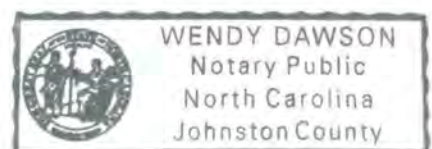
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Kimberley A. Campbell

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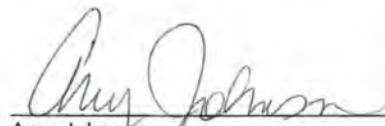
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
2020 Resource Integration Resource Plan
Request and Related 2020 RFP Compliance Plan

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2. RFP REPORTS AND RELATED 2020 RFP
3. COMPLAINT PUBLIC

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A public hearing for the Commission's public testimony and voting for the purposes of taking testimony public testimony shall be held by the Commission on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. The hearing shall be conducted virtually via Zoom. A link to join the hearing will be available on the Commission's website.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record in all registers in advance of the hearing, no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at PublicStaff@ncuc.gov or by calling 800.562.5618. Testimony will be limited to five minutes per individual.

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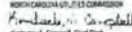
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On the 2nd day of February, 2021.

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Anthony A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 165

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 BIENNIAL
2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plan)	IRP REPORTS AND RELATED 2020 REPS
Reports and Related 2020 REPS Compliance Plans)	COMPLIANCE PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing in conjunction with the Commission's review and evaluation of integrated resource planning (IRP) in North Carolina. The purpose of the review and evaluation is to ensure that each regulated electric utility operating in North Carolina is developing reliable projections of the long-range demands for electricity in its service area and is developing a combination of reliable resource options for meeting the anticipated demands in a cost-effective manner. IRP is intended to identify those electric resource options, which can be obtained at least cost to ratepayers in North Carolina consistent with adequate, reliable electric service. IRP considers conservation, efficiency, load management and other demand-side program alternatives in the selection of resource options. Commission Rule R8-60 requires that each of the electric utilities furnish the Commission with a biennial report in even-numbered years that contains the specific information set out in that Commission Rule. In odd-numbered years, each of the electric utilities must file an update report updating its most recently filed biennial report. In addition, regulated electric utilities are required to include their plans for meeting customer electric needs via renewable energy resources and energy efficiency programs by submitting a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard compliance plan (REPS compliance plan) as part of the IRP filing.

During the public hearing to be held in this docket, the Commission will receive testimony from nonexpert public witnesses with respect to the most current IRP reports and REPS compliance plans filed in 2020 by Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

A night hearing for the convenience of public witnesses and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony shall be held by the Commission on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. The hearing shall be conducted remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at ncuc.net.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at IRPPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866.380.9816. Testimony will be limited to five minutes per individual.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

Anyone wishing to review the 2020 IRP reports and REPS compliance plans filed by the utilities may do so at the Commission's website, ncuc.net, by selecting the Docket tab and entering Docket No. E-100 Sub 165. Upon request, the Chief Clerk will place copies of the IRPs, compliance plans and any other documents filed in this proceeding in centrally located public libraries where they may be copied without prohibition. Such a request may be made by writing to the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and providing the name and address of the library to which the information is to be mailed.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter shall address their statements to Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4300.

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 that 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, NC 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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