

DOCKET NO. EMP-101, SUB 0

In the Matter of

On January 3, 2019, the Applicant filed a motion requesting that the Commission also cancel the expert witness portion of the hearing. In support of its motion, the Applicant

states that no petitions to intervene have been filed in this docket, and, as such, the Applicant and the Public Staff are the only parties to this proceeding. In addition, the Applicant states that the Public Staff filed the affidavit of Evan D. Lawrence, an Engineer with the Public Staff-Electric Division, who recommended that the Commission issue the requested CPCN, subject to certain conditions. Further, the Applicant notes that, on December 28, 2018, the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration, filed comments from the State Historic Preservation Office of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR). These comments reflect that the proposed site of the Applicant's facility is located in an area that has a "high probability for containing precolonial American Indian archeological sites" and that "archeological sites associated with the plantation of General William Ruffiin Cox are likely present in the parcel." Therefore, NCDNCR recommends that prior to the initiation of any ground disturbing activities within the project area, a comprehensive archaeological survey of the project area be conducted by an experienced archeologist. Finally, the Applicant further states that the Public Staff has authorized the Applicant to state that it supports the cancellation of the expert witness portion of the hearing.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the Applicant's motion to cancel the expert witness hearing scheduled in this docket for Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate in its consideration of the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of January, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice H. Fulmore", is written over a faint, circular embossed seal of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk