

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Good morning. Let's come to order,
3 please, and go on the record. I'm Charlotte Mitchell, Chair of the
4 Utilities Commission, and with me this morning are the following
5 Commissioners. When I announce your name, please indicate your presence.
6 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Present.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

11 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: (No response.)

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: I see Commissioner Clodfelter, I just haven't
13 heard him, so he is here. Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning. Happy to be here.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning. Present.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the State Ethics Act, I'll
20 remind all members of the Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of
21 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the Commission has a known
22 conflict of interest with respect to matters coming before us this morning?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. The record will reflect that no

1 conflicts have been identified, so we'll proceed with Public Staff - Natural
2 Gas, Item P1. Mr. Singer, you're up.

3 MR. SINGER: Good morning. I'm Jim Singer with the Public Staff
4 - Energy Division. Item P1, Docket G-9, Sub 790, is an Application filed by
5 Piedmont Natural Gas on June 17th, 2021, requesting authority to increase
6 its sales by .75 per dekatherm, and its transportation rates by 1.43 cents
7 per dekatherm, effective for service rendered July 1st, 2021. The increase
8 is a result of the change of Piedmont's benchmark quantity gas cost from
9 \$2.50 per dekatherm to \$3.25 per dekatherm, as well as the change in Company
10 use in unaccounted for gas as described in Piedmont's Appendix A.

11 The Public Staff has reviewed the Application and proposed rates,
12 and recommends approval as filed.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of the recommendation.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. It's been moved and seconded that
16 the item be approved, as recommended by the Public Staff. Are there any
17 questions or discussion on the motion?

18 (No response)

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.
20 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and your opposition with a
21 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

6 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

8 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I support the motion as
10 well, and the motion carries.

11 (MOTION PASSES)

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Mr. Singer. We'll
13 proceed now with the Public Staff - Communications, Item P1. Ms. Proffitt,
14 you're up.

15 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning. My name is Karen Proffitt with the
16 Public Staff - Communications and Water Division. Item P1 presents
17 Interconnection Agreements and Amendments filed by AT&T North Carolina,
18 Verizon South, Frontier Communications, and Service Telephone Company
19 between April 22nd and May 3rd.

20 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings and recommends that
21 Orders be issued approving the Agreements and Amendments effective on the
22 date they were filed. The Public Staff has provided proposed Orders to the
23 Commission Staff.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of the recommendation.

1 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. It's been moved and seconded that
3 the item be approved, as recommended by the Public Staff. Any questions or
4 discussion on the motion?

5 (No response)

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.
7 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and your opposition with a
8 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

13 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I support the motion as
21 well, and the motion carries.

22 (MOTION PASSES)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Ms. Proffitt. Okay.

24 We'll proceed to Public Staff - Electric, Item P1. Ms. Boswell, you're up.

1 MS. BOSWELL: Michelle Boswell, Public Staff - Accounting
2 Division. Item P1 is Docket Number E-22, Sub 563, Dominion Energy North
3 Carolina - Application for Approval of a Revised Affiliate Services
4 Agreement.

5 On April 6, 2021, the Company filed with the Commission an
6 Application for Approval of Revised Services Agreement and Request for
7 Interim Authority.

8 On April 12th, 2021, the Public Staff presented this item to the
9 Commission at a Staff Conference. The Public Staff indicated that they were
10 in the process of its investigation and review of the Application to verify
11 the assertions made by the Company regarding the Revised Services Agreement.
12 The Public Staff indicated it would bring its final recommendations to the
13 Commission by either a further filing or placement of the matter on a future
14 Staff Conference Agenda.

15 The Public Staff has completed its investigation and review, and
16 recommends that the Commission issue the proposed Order accepting for filing
17 the Revised Services Agreement and allowing DENC to pay its affiliate
18 pursuant to the Agreement subject to the conditions set forth herein. The
19 Public Staff's proposed Order is attached as Exhibit Number P2.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I move approval of the recommendation.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And I second.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. It's been moved and seconded that
23 the item be approved, as recommended by the Public Staff. Are there any
24 questions or discussion on the motion?

1 (No response)

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Hearing none, I'll call the roll for
3 a vote. Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition with a no.
4 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

9 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

11 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

13 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

15 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I support the motion as
17 well, and the motion carries.

18 (MOTION PASSES)

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Ms. Boswell.

20 Okay. The Commission has before it for approval its minutes of
21 June 21 Staff Conference. I'll take a motion, please.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Second.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Any question, discussion on the

1 motion?

2 (No response)

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. All in favor of approving our
4 minutes indicate with an aye.

5 (All Commissioners say aye)

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

7 (No response)

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. The minutes are approved.

9 All right. Before we adjourn, checking in to see if there's any
10 additional business for the Commission this morning.

11 (No response)

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Hearing none, we will be adjourned.
13 Thank you very much, everybody.

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15 Whereupon, this conference is adjourned.

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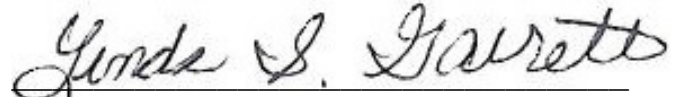
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