

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

March 13, 2023

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Brown-Bland
Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Mr. Green, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Duffy,
Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Mr. Creech, Ms. Coxton,
Mr. Josey, Ms. Keyworth, Ms. Boswell, Mr. Lentz, Mr. T. Williamson, Mr. Michna,
Mr. Junis, Ms. Bhatta, Ms. Proffitt,

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Vines

COMMUNICATIONS*ORDER INCREASING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE SURCHARGE***North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

1. Docket No. P-100, Sub 110 – Petition requesting that the Commission approve an increase in the monthly Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-157(b) and (c) (*Lentz/Coxton*)

On October 13, 2022, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) filed a petition requesting that the Commission approve an increase in the monthly Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) surcharge, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-157(b) and (c), from the current rate of \$0.08 per line to \$0.16 per line.

The Public Staff stated that it: (1) has reviewed the petition; and (2) has analyzed current and projected expenditures and projected access line and wireless line growth.

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission grant DHHS's requested surcharge increase.

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

*INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT***BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T)**

2. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1586 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc., approved November 28, 2005 (*Proffitt/Coxton*)

On December 28, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc., formerly Metropolitan Telecommunications, Inc., filed, for Commission approval, an amendment to an existing interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on November 28, 2005.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

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

ELECTRIC*CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITY***Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**

3. Docket No. SP-26335, Sub 0 – Application of Quaker Creek Farm Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 35-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Alamance County, North Carolina (*T. Williamson/Keyworth*)

On February 10, 2022, the Commission issued an order granting Quaker Creek Farm Solar, LLC (Applicant) a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 35-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 2480 Dickey Mill Road, Burlington, Alamance County, North Carolina. The Commission previously accepted registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

On November 3, 2022, the Applicant filed an amended application stating that the footprint of the facility had changed.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

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

WATER AND WASTEWATER*ORDER ACCEPTING AND APPROVING BOND, GRANTING FRANCHISE, APPROVING RATES, AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE***USEF HGC Fenton LLC**

4. Docket No. W-1339, Sub 0 – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide water and sewer utility services to Fenton Development in Cary, Wake County, North Carolina and Approval of Bond and Rates (*Bhatta/Coxton*)

On April 1, 2022, USEF HGC Fenton LLC (Applicant), filed an Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application) to provide water and sewer utility services in Fenton Development in Wake County, North Carolina (Fenton or the

Development), and for approval of rates. On November 15, 2022, the Applicant filed a response to the Public Staff's Notice of Deficiencies and a revised Application.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order accepting and approving the \$50,000 bond, granting the franchise, approving the proposed rates, and requiring customer notice.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of February 27, 2023, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.