

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

November 20, 2023

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Webb-Shackleford, Ms. Hilburn, Ms. Jayasheela, Mr. Barber, Mr. Barley; Ms. Winstead; Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Mr. Ayers, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Mr. Creech, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Keyworth, Ms. Boswell, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Zhang, Ms. Fang, Mr. D. Williamson, Mr. Lucas, Ms. Patel

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

ELECTRIC*AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS***Dominion Energy North Carolina**

1. Docket No. E-22, Sub 659 - Application of DENC for approval of an inventory purchase and sale agreement between DENC and future solar affiliates (*Boswell/Freeman*)

On November 29, 2022, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or the Company), filed an Application (Application) for Approval of Inventory Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement) for the purchase and sale of materials, equipment, supplies, and capitalized spare parts between DENC and existing and future affiliate solar project companies and such companies' existing and future subsidiaries that own solar generation or energy storage facilities (Solar Affiliates) in the operation of their respective businesses on an as-needed basis under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-153(b) and Regulatory Condition 3.1(a) as approved by the Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) on November 19, 2018, in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 551 and G-5, Sub 585 (Merger Order).

The Public Staff stated it had completed its review of the Agreement.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the Agreement, subject to conditions.

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

2. Docket No. E-22, Sub 671 - Application of DENC for approval of an inventory services agreement between DENC and Dominion Privatization Holdings, Inc. (*Cofield/Freeman*)

On September 21, 2023, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or the Company), filed a Notice of Affiliate Services Agreement pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-153(b) and Regulatory Condition 3.1(a) as approved by the Commission's Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct issued November 19, 2018, in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 551 and G-5, Sub 585 (Merger Order).

The Public Staff stated that it had completed its review of the Agreement and the order of VSCC.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission accept the Agreement between DPHI and DENC, subject to conditions.

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

*ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS***Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**

3. Docket No. E-2, Subs 936 and 1174, and Docket No. E-7, Subs 1032 and 1164 – Applications of DEP and DEC for approval of modifications to existing Commission-approved residential Smart Saver Energy Efficiency Programs pursuant to Commission Rule R8-68 (T. Williamson/Keyworth)

On September 11, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP and, together with DEC, Duke Energy or the Companies) filed a request for approval of Proposed Modifications to the Existing Commission-Approved Residential Smart Saver Energy Efficiency Program (Program(s)) in the above-captioned dockets pursuant to Commission Rule R8-68 (Modification Proposals).

The Public Staff recommended approval of the requested modifications as filed.

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

NATURAL GAS*CORPORATE REORGANIZATION***Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.**

4. Docket No. G-5, Sub 664 - Application of PSNC for approval of a corporate reorganization resulting in PSNC becoming a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Fall North Carolina Holdco, LLC (Johnson/Patel/Culpepper)

On September 8, 2023, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or the Company) filed an Application for Approval of Corporate Reorganization (Application) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-111 and Rule R1-5 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission), requesting expedited Commission approval of its proposed reorganization that will result in PSNC becoming a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of a new holding company, Fall North Carolina Holdco, LLC (NC Holdco).

The Public Staff stated it had reviewed the application and responses to the Public Staff data requests.

The Public Staff recommended approval as filed.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of November 6, 2023, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.