

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

June 21, 2021

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'm present.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Lyons Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Present. Good  
13 morning.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.  
20 Present.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the  
22 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the  
23 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of  
24 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 Commission has a known conflict of interest with  
2 respect to matters coming before us this morning?

3 (No response)

4 The record will reflect that no conflicts  
5 have been identified, so we will proceed with  
6 Electric, Item P1. Ms. Boswell.

7 MS. BOSWELL: Good morning. Michelle  
8 Boswell, Public Staff, Accounting Division. Item P1  
9 is Docket Number E-7, Subs 487, 828, 1026 and 1146,  
10 Duke Energy Carolinas existing DSM Program Cost  
11 Adjustment Rider.

12 On April 1st, 2021, DEC made a filing  
13 proposing its annual change to the existing DSM  
14 Program Rider, or EDPR, based on the December 31st,  
15 2020 legacy Demand-Side Management deferral account  
16 balance. The Company requested the new EDPR be  
17 effective beginning July 1, 2021.

18 The Public Staff has reviewed DEC's  
19 calculation of the amended proposed EDPR, including  
20 the supporting workpapers submitted with the filing  
21 and information provided by DEC in response to Public  
22 Staff data requests. Based on its review, the Public  
23 Staff determined that the proposed rate decrement is  
24 reasonable. Therefore, the Public Staff recommends

1 that DEC's EDPR be approved effective for the period  
2 July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2022.

3 A proposed order is attached as Exhibit  
4 Number P-1.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
6 the recommendation.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
9 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
10 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
11 discussion on the motion?

12 (No response)

13 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
14 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and  
15 your opposition with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

20 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

22 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

24 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

2 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
4 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

5 (MOTION PASSES)

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed now to  
7 Electric Item P2. Ms. Boswell, you're up again.

8 MS. BOSWELL: Yes, ma'am. Item P2 is Docket  
9 Number E-7, Sub 1026, Duke Energy Carolinas BPM Net  
10 Revenues and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission  
11 Revenues Adjustment Rider.

12 On May 3rd, 2021, DEC filed a proposed Bulk  
13 Power Marketing, or BPM, True-up Rider and a BPM  
14 Prospective Rider to be effective for the period  
15 July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2022.

16 The Public Staff has reviewed DEC's  
17 calculation of the Riders including the supporting  
18 workpapers submitted with the filings and information  
19 provided by the Company in response to Public Staff  
20 data requests. Based on this review, the Public Staff  
21 has determined that the proposed Riders are  
22 reasonable. Therefore, the Public Staff recommends  
23 that DEC's proposed increment BPM True-up Rider of  
24 0.0013 cents per kilowatt hour, and proposed new

1 decrement BPM Prospective Rider of 0.012 cents per  
2 kilowatt hour be approved to become effective on  
3 July 1, 2021, as proposed.

4 A proposed order is attached as Exhibit  
5 Number P-2.

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

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I second.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
10 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
11 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
12 discussion on the motion?

13 (No response)

14 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
15 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and  
16 your opposition with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

21 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

23 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

1 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

3 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
5 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

6 (MOTION PASSES)

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Boswell.

8 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water  
9 Item P1. Ms. Darden, you're up.

10 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. Lindsay Darden,  
11 Engineer of the Public Staff - Water, Sewer and  
12 Telephone Division. Water Item P1, Docket Number  
13 W-1300, Sub 68, Old North State Water Company, LLC,  
14 filed a Notification of Intention to begin water  
15 utility operations in Phases 2 and 3 of Mornington  
16 Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina, and for  
17 approval of rates. Old North State proposes to charge  
18 the rates currently approved for this service area.

19 I have one correction to update the bond  
20 amounts and this has been discussed with the  
21 Commission staff. This correction is also applicable  
22 to Water Item P2. The bond amount should be corrected  
23 to state that Old North State currently has \$560,000  
24 of bond assigned to specific subdivisions and \$40,000

1 of the bond amount is unassigned. The Public Staff  
2 recommends assigning \$10,000 for each contiguous  
3 extension. Therefore, since \$20,000 is being assigned  
4 concurrently with Docket W-1300, Sub 74, the remaining  
5 unassigned bond surety shall be \$20,000.

6 It is recommended that the Commission issue  
7 the corrected proposed order recognizing the  
8 contiguous extension.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I move approval  
10 of the recommendation and that includes the corrected  
11 order, proposed order.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Madam Chair, I  
18 have a general question.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Brown-Bland.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Ms. Darden, with  
21 regard to this item as well as any contiguous  
22 extension item, has the Public Staff verified that the  
23 systems are, in fact, contiguous?

24 MS. DARDEN: Yes, we have. The

1 applications -- with the application they're required  
2 to file maps that show the connection to the existing  
3 system.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I know that's  
5 usually the case but every now and then we sort of  
6 overlook that. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any additional questions or  
8 discussion on this motion?

9 (No response)

10 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
11 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
12 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

17 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

19 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

21 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

23 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record I support



1 the motion as well and the motion carries.

2 (MOTION PASSES)

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Ms. Darden, back to you for  
4 Water Item P2.

5 MS. DARDEN: Water Item P2, Docket Number  
6 W-1300, Sub 74, Old North State Water Company, LLC,  
7 filed a Notification of Intention to begin water  
8 utility operations in Phases 2 and 3 of Kanata Mills  
9 Subdivision in Wake County, North Carolina, and for  
10 approval of rates. Old North State proposes to charge  
11 the rates currently approved for the service area.

12 The bond amount correction described for  
13 Water Item P1 is also applicable to this docket.

14 It's recommended that the Commission issue a  
15 corrected proposed order recognizing the contiguous  
16 extension.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
18 the recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
21 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
22 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion?

23 (No response)

24 Hearing none, again with a roll call for the

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 vote. Indicate your support for the motion with an  
2 aye and your opposition with a no. Commissioner  
3 Brown-Bland.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

8 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

10 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

12 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

14 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

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

17 (MOTION PASSES)

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Darden.

19 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water  
20 Item P3. Ms. Casselberry, you're up.

21 MS. CASSELBERRY: Good morning. Gina  
22 Casselberry. Item P3 is Docket Number W-1305, Sub 10.  
23 On August 7th, 2018, Pluris Hampstead, LLC, filed an  
24 Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience

1 and Necessity to provide sewer utility service at  
2 three commercial properties in Live Oak Development,  
3 Hampstead, Pender County, North Carolina, and for  
4 approval of rates.

5 I do have two corrections in paragraph  
6 number four. Pluris Hampstead has entered into an  
7 Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Service dated  
8 November 19, 2019, not 11, with the developer, by  
9 which the developer will construct and install all of  
10 the sewer collection facilities at no charge to Pluris  
11 Hampstead. The developer will pay a non-refundable  
12 sewer connection fee of \$3,200 per three-bedroom  
13 single family equivalent and an additional \$1,067 for  
14 additional bedrooms beyond the single family  
15 equivalent. The total amount would be \$9,600.

16 The Public Staff recommends that the  
17 Commission issue the proposed order modified to  
18 include the Commission staff's changes, granting the  
19 franchise, and approving Pluris Hampstead's proposed  
20 rates.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'll move  
22 approval of the recommendation.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I second.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and

1 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
2 the Public Staff.

3 Commissioner Brown-Bland, does your motion  
4 include corrections noted by the Public Staff today?

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Yes, it does.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And a second.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thanks, Commissioner Gray.  
9 Any questions or discussion on the motion?

10 (No response)

11 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
12 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
13 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

18 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

20 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

22 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

24 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
2 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

3 (MOTION PASSES)

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Ms. Casselberry, back to  
5 you for Public Staff, Water Item P4.

6 MS. CASSELBERRY: Item P4 is Docket Number  
7 W-1305, Sub 16. On February 3rd, 2020, Pluris  
8 Hampstead, LLC, filed an Application for a Certificate  
9 of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide sewer  
10 utility service at 1015 Island Creek Road, Pender  
11 County EMS, Rocky Point, Pender County, North  
12 Carolina.

13 There is one correction in paragraph five.  
14 The Applicant paid the approved tap fee of \$3,200 per  
15 single family equivalent for one connection.

16 The Public Staff recommends that the  
17 Commission issue the proposed order modified including  
18 the Commission staff's changes, granting the  
19 franchise, and approving Pluris Hampstead's proposed  
20 rates.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
22 the recommendation as proposed with the modification.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and

1 seconded that the item be approved as recommended and  
2 modified by the Public Staff. Questions or discussion  
3 on that motion?

4 (No response)

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

21 (MOTION PASSES)

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Casselberry.

23 The Commission has before it for approval  
24 its minutes of Staff Conference, June 14, 2021. I'll

1 take a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Approve. Move approval.

3 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
5 seconded that those minutes be approved. Any  
6 questions or discussion on that motion?

7 (No response)

8 Hearing none, all in favor of approving the  
9 minutes indicate with an aye.

10 (All Commissioners say aye).

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: The minutes are approved.

14 Before we adjourn, any additional business  
15 for the Commission this morning?

16 (No response)

17 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank  
18 you everybody. Let's go off the record, please.

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20 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, KIM T. MITCHELL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that  
the Proceedings in the above-captioned matter were  
taken before me, that I did report in stenographic  
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