

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EC-23, SUB 50

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Blue Ridge Electric Membership)	
Corporation,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LEAVE
v.)	TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS
)	
Charter Communications Properties, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On June 7, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Procedural Schedule (Procedural Order). The Procedural Order scheduled the matter for hearing by the Commission beginning on November 8, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. On that date and at that time, the matter was called for hearing. Testimony and evidence was presented by the parties and received by the Commission on November 8-9, 2017 and December 18, 2017. At the conclusion of the December 18, 2017 hearing, the Commission required the parties to file briefs and/or proposed orders with the Commission within 30 days after mailing of the transcript. Pursuant to that order, briefs and proposed orders were due to be filed by March 5, 2018.

On February 14, 2018, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (BREMC) filed a Motion to Extend Time to Submit Briefs and Proposed Orders (Motion). In the Motion, BREMC requested that the Commission extend the time to file briefs and/or proposed orders from March 5, 2018 until April 4, 2018. On February 19, 2018, the Chairman granted the motion.

On April 4, 2018, BREMC and Charter Communications Properties, LLC (Charter) each filed briefs and proposed orders.

Also, on April 4, 2018, the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC), the North Carolina Cable Telecommunications Association (NCCTA), the North Carolina Telephone Membership Cooperative Coalition Inc. (CarolinaLink), and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) (collectively known as the Movants) filed individual motions requesting leave from the Commission to file amicus briefs in the docket. Each Movant except CenturyLink attached a copy of its

amicus brief to its motion. CenturyLink requested that the Commission consider the amicus brief that it filed in Docket No. EC-43, Sub 88 et seq., in this docket.

No objections have been filed to the Movants' requests by either party in this docket.

WHEREFORE, based upon the aforementioned, and the record proper, the Chairman, in his discretion, finds and concludes that good cause exists to allow NCAEC, NCCTA, CarolinaLink, and CenturyLink to participate in these dockets as amici curiae. Further, the Chairman, in his discretion, finds and concludes that the amicus briefs heretofore attached to the individual motions filed by the Movants and the comments made by CenturyLink shall be received by the Clerk and considered by the Commission. Permission to participate as amicus does not create in Movants full party status, and Movants shall not be permitted to appeal any decision rendered by the Commission in this docket.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of May, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk