

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

June 14, 2021

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes. Good Monday  
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 at this time as to whether any

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

4 (No response)

5 The record will reflect that no conflicts  
6 have been identified, so we will proceed with Public  
7 Staff, Communications Item No. P1. Ms. Proffitt,  
8 you're up.

9 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning all. My name is  
10 Karen Proffitt with the Public Staff - Water, Sewer  
11 and Telephone Division. Item P1 presents an  
12 Interconnection Agreement and Amendments filed by AT&T  
13 North Carolina and Verizon South. They were filed  
14 between April 2nd and April 16th.

15 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings  
16 and recommends that orders be issued approving the  
17 Agreement and Amendments effective on the date they  
18 were filed.

19 The Public Staff has provided proposed  
20 orders to the Commission staff.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
22 the recommendation.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and

1 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
2 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
3 discussion on the motion?

4 (No response)

5 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
6 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and  
7 your opposition 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: For the record I support  
20 the motion as well and the motion carries.

21 (MOTION PASSES)

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.

23 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric  
24 Item P1. Mr. Saillor, you're up.

1 MR. SAILLOR: I'm Scott Saillor with the  
2 Public Staff, Energy Division. Electric Item P1,  
3 Docket Number EGL-10, Sub 0 is an Application for a  
4 Certificate of Authority to Engage in Business as  
5 an Electric Generator Lessor.

6 The Public Staff has reviewed the  
7 Application and recommends that the Commission issue  
8 the Public Staff's proposed order approving the  
9 Application and issuing the requested Certificate.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
11 the recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

17 (No response)

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

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

23 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

1 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

3 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

5 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

7 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

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

10 (MOTION PASSES)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Saillor.

12 The Commission has before it its minutes of  
13 June 7, 2021, Staff Conference for approval. I'll  
14 take a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

16 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved by  
18 Commissioner Gray and seconded by Commissioner Duffley  
19 that our minutes of June 7 be approved. Questions or  
20 discussion?

21 (No response)

22 Hearing none, all in favor of approving our  
23 minutes indicate with an aye.

24 (All Commissioners say aye).

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

2 (No response)

3 The minutes are approved.

4 Any additional business for the Commission  
5 this morning before we adjourn?

6 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Chair Mitchell?

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Yes, ma'am. You may  
8 proceed, Commissioner Duffley.

9 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: I would like to  
10 introduce one of our summer externs. His name is  
11 Chandler Myers. Chandler, can you turn your video on  
12 please?

13 MR. MYERS: (Inaudible).

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: So Chandler is a  
15 rising 2L at UNC Law School and he's been with us for  
16 several weeks. Do you want to say hello?

17 MR. MYERS: Good morning, Commissioners. As  
18 Commissioner Duffley just said, my name is Chandler  
19 and I go to school at UNC. And I've had the wonderful  
20 pleasure of serving as an extern for the Commission so  
21 far this summer. It's been a really great experience  
22 for me just to kind of get that practical, hands-on  
23 experience in a legal environment. And I've had the  
24 chance to work on several research projects for

1 Commissioner Duffley, including analyzing the pros and  
2 cons of traditional electricity models versus a  
3 deregulated market.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Actually Chandler,  
5 why don't you keep your research projects -- don't let  
6 everybody know my secrets. Right, Chandler?

7 MR. MYERS: All right. All right. My  
8 fault. My fault. So, several research projects for  
9 Commissioner Duffley. And I just connected with  
10 Commissioner Hughes on another additional research  
11 project that I won't get into the details of. And  
12 I've connected with Lynn Jarvis, just started drafting  
13 registration orders. And I've also connected with Len  
14 Green, Leonard, but it seems like Len is the popular  
15 name around these parts, on reviewing the renewable  
16 natural gas standards that Piedmont electric has in  
17 place and whether or not they're kind of meeting the  
18 standards that they should. And I have a background  
19 in chemical engineering so that definitely helps. But  
20 like I said, it's been a wonderful experience so far  
21 and anything y'all need I'm here at y'all's disposal.

22 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Thank you, Chandler.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Well, welcome Chandler.

24 It's good to have you aboard and we look forward to

1 working with you this summer.

2 Any additional business for the Commission  
3 this morning?

4 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Madam Chair, just  
5 an inquiry and that was simply this. I know there had  
6 been some email exchanges yesterday about discussions  
7 related to a proposed order. I did not know if we  
8 were going to have any conversation about that at a  
9 later point or where we stood.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: I will follow up with the  
11 Commissioners on that issue, Commissioner McKissick.

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Thank you.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: With that, we will be  
14 adjourned. Let's go off the record, please, ma'am.  
15 Thank you everybody.

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17 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.  
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