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February 15, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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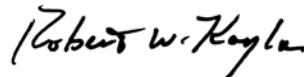
**RE: Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's  
Affidavits of Publication  
Docket No. E-100, Sub 167**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed are the Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Public Hearing in the 2020 Biennial Determination of Avoided Costs Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities. Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC published the notice in newspapers having general coverage in their service areas and shared the cost of the notice for the Asheville newspaper. All of the newspapers published the ad, but one DEP newspaper has not provided an affidavit: Star-News (Wilmington). That affidavit will be filed with the Commission upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Kaylor, P.A.

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

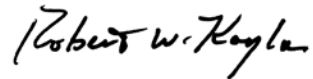
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of f Duke Energy Progress, LLC's and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Affidavits of Publication, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 167, has been served by electronic mail, hand delivery or by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid properly addressed to parties of record.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



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**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC**

**AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION**

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**Attention:** Gina Freeman

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC LEGALS  
550 S. TRYON ST  
MAIL CODE DEC45A  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

North Carolina } ss

Mecklenburg County }

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 167

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This the 24th day of November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths affirmations, etc., personally appeared, being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, doth depose and say that he/she is a representative of The Charlotte Observer Publishing Company, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Delaware, and publishing a newspaper known as The Charlotte Observer in the city of Charlotte, County of Mecklenburg, and State of North Carolina and that as such he/she is familiar with the books, records, files, and business of said Corporation and by reference to the files of said publication, the attached advertisement was inserted. The following is correctly copied from the books and files of the aforesaid Corporation and Publication.

2 Insertion(s)

Published On:

January 07, 2021, January 14, 2021

*Cherri St. Foster*

Cherri Foster, Regional Office Associate

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the 20th day of January, 2021

*Judith M. Sears*

Electronic Notary Public State of North Carolina

My Commission Expires May 17, 2021



**Winston-Salem Journal**

**Advertising Affidavit**

**Account Number**

4022038

P.O Box 3159  
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

**Date**

January 20, 2021

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
ATTN: GINA FREEMAN  
410 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET NCRH20  
RALEIGH, NC 27601

PO Number	Order	Category	Description
	0000691425	Legal Notices	(DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 167)

**Publisher of the  
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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared the Publisher's Representative who by being duly sworn deposes and says: that he/she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the Winston-Salem Journal on the following dates:

01/07, 01/14/2021

and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper document, or legal advertisement was published, was at the time of each and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

*(signature of person making affidavit)*

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th day of January, 2021.

*(Notary Public)*

State of Virginia  
County of Hanover

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Greensboro News Record**

**Advertising Affidavit**

**Account Number**

4003764

200 E. Market St  
Greensboro, NC. 27401  
(336) 373-7287

**Date**

January 20, 2021

DUKE ENERGY  
410 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET NCRH20  
RALEIGH, NC 27601

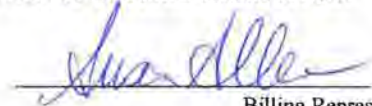
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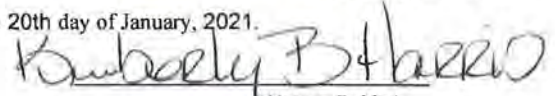
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Billing Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th day of January, 2021.



(Notary Public)

Kimberly B. Harris  
1967-03-01  
Commission Expires 01/20/22  
Notary Public - Virginia  
Commission # 123456789

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Account Number

3153314

PO Box 968  
Hickory, NC 28603

Date

January 20, 2021

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
PO BOX 1321 (DEC45A)  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28201

Date	Category	Description	Ad Number	Ad Size
01/14/2021	Legal Notices	2020 DEC AVOIDED COST PUBLIC NOTICE (DOCKET NO. E	0000691421	2 x 9.00 IN

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Burke County**

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Newspaper reference: 0000691421

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Notary Public

State of Virginia  
County of Hanover

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# Hickory Daily Record

## Advertising Affidavit

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3153314

PO Box 968  
Hickory, NC 28603

Date

January 20, 2021

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CHARLOTTE, NC 28201


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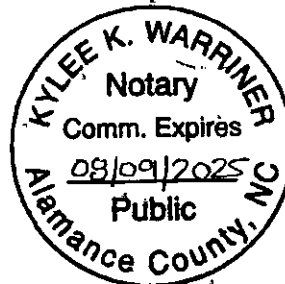


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# Biden to name judge Merrick Garland as attorney general

By Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden has selected Merrick Garland, a federal appeals court judge who in 2016 was snubbed by Republicans for a seat on the Supreme Court, as his attorney general, two people familiar with the selection process said Wednesday.

In picking Garland, Biden is turning to an experienced judge who held senior positions at the Justice Department decades ago, including as a supervisor of the prosecution of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The pick will force Senate Republicans to contend with the nomination of someone they spurned in 2016 — refusing even to hold hearings when a Supreme Court vacancy arose — but Biden may be banking on Garland's credentials and reputation for moderation to ensure confirmation.

Biden is expected to announce Garland's appointment on Thursday, along with other senior leaders of the department, including former homeland security adviser Lisa Monaco as deputy attorney general and former Justice Department civil rights chief Vanita Gupta as associate attorney general. He will also name an assistant attorney general for civil rights, Kristen Clarke, the president of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law,



Merrick Garland walks into Federal District Court in Washington in 2017. President-elect Joe Biden is set to name Garland as attorney general. (ANDREW HARNIK/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

an advocacy group.

Garland was selected over other finalists including Alabama Sen. Doug Jones and former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates. The people familiar with the process spoke on condition of anonymity. One said Biden regards Garland as an attorney general who can restore integrity to the Justice Department and as someone who, having served in the Justice Department under presidents of both political parties, will be respected by nonpartisan career staff.

If confirmed, Garland would confront immediate challenges, including an ongoing criminal tax investigation into Biden's son, Hunter, as well as calls from many Democrats to pursue inquiries into Trump after he leaves office. A special counsel investigation into the origins of the Russia probe also remains open, forcing a new attorney general

to decide how to handle it and what to make public. Garland would also inherit a Justice Department that has endured a tumultuous four years and would likely need to focus on not only civil rights issues and an overhaul of national policing policies after months of mass protests over the deaths of Black Americans at the hand of law enforcement.

It was unclear how Garland's selection would be received by Black and Latino advocates who had advocated for a Black attorney general or for someone with a background in civil rights causes and criminal justice reform. But the selection of Gupta and Clarke, two women with significant experience in civil rights, appeared designed to blunt those concerns and offered as a signal that progressive causes will be prioritized in the new administration.

# SENATE

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Their success is a symbol of a striking shift in Georgia's politics as the swelling number of diverse, college-educated voters flex their power in the heart of the Deep South.

This week's elections mark the formal finale to the turbulent 2020 election season. The unusually high stakes transformed Georgia, once a solidly Republican state, into one of the nation's premier battlegrounds for the final days of Trump's presidency — and likely beyond.

In an emotional address early Wednesday, Warnock vowed to work for all Georgians whether they voted for him or not, citing his personal experience with the American dream. His mother, he said, used to pick "somebody else's cotton" as a teenager.

"The other day, because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton picked her youngest son to be the United States senator," he said. "Tonight, we proved with hope, hard work and the people by our side, anything is possible."

In an interview with ABC's "Good Morning America," he described his win as a "reversal of the old Southern strategy that sought to divide people," Warnock told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Loeffler remains a Georgia senator until the results of Tuesday's election are finalized, returned to Washington on Wednesday morning to join a small group of senators planning to challenge Congress' vote to certify Biden's victory.

Georgia's other runoff election pitted Perdue, a

71-year-old former business executive who held his Senate seat until his term expired on Sunday, against Ossoff, a former congressional aide and journalist.

"This campaign has been about health and jobs and justice for the people of this state — for all the people of this state," Ossoff said in a speech broadcast on social media Wednesday morning. "Whether you were for me, or against me, I'll be for you in the U.S. Senate. I will serve all the people of the state."

Trump's false claims of voter fraud cast a dark shadow over the runoff elections, which were held only because no candidate hit the 50% threshold in the general election. He attacked the state's election chief on the eve of the election and raised the prospect that some votes might not be counted even as votes were being cast Tuesday afternoon.

Republican state officials on the ground reported no significant problems.

Both contests tested whether the political coalition that fueled Biden's November victory was an anti-Trump anomaly or part of a new electoral landscape. To win in Tuesday's elections — and in the future — Democrats needed strong African American support.

Drawing on his popularity with Black voters, among other groups, Biden won Georgia's 16 electoral votes by about 12,000 votes out of 5 million cast in November.

Trump's claims about voter fraud in the 2020 election, while meritless, resonated with Republican voters in Georgia. About 7 in 10 agreed with his false assertion that Biden was not the legitimately elected president, according to

AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 3,600 voters in the runoff elections.

Election officials across the country, including the Republican governors in Arizona and Georgia, as well as Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, have confirmed that there was no widespread fraud in the November election. Nearly all the legal challenges from Trump and his allies have been dismissed by judges, including two tossed by the Supreme Court, where three Trump-nominated justices preside.

Publicly and privately, some Republicans acknowledged that Trump's months-long push to undermine the integrity of the nation's electoral system may have contributed to the GOP's losses in Georgia.

"It turns out that telling the voters that the election was rigged is not a great way to turn out your voters," said Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, a Republican and a frequent Trump critic.

Even with Trump's claims, voters in both parties were drawn to the polls because of the high stakes. AP VoteCast found that 6 in 10 Georgia voters say Senate party control was the most important factor in their vote.

Turnout exceeded both sides' expectations.

Even before Tuesday, Georgia had shattered its turnout record for a runoff with more than 3 million voters by mail or during in-person advance voting in December. Including Tuesday's vote, more people ultimately cast ballots in the runoffs than voted in Georgia's 2016 presidential election.

Many in Georgia's large African American community were ecstatic when they awoke to news of Harnock's win on Wednesday.

# Senate GOP leader: Challenging Biden win threatens republic

By Alan Fram and Andrew Taylor  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell urged fellow Republicans on Wednesday to abandon their effort to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's election triumph, directly rebuking defeated President Donald Trump and asserting that the GOP drive threatened the country's democratic foundations.

"The voters, the courts and the states have all spoken," said McConnell, R-Ky., as the Senate debated a challenge by a handful of GOP lawmakers to the 11 electoral votes that Arizona cast for Biden. "They've all spoken. If we overrule them, it would damage our republic forever."

Arizona's were the first of several states' electoral votes that some Republicans are challenging, encouraged by Trump's groundless charges that the election was riddled with fraud. Congress seemed certain to reject all those challenges and formally affirm Biden's victory. All 50 states have certified the electoral votes.

The showdown came on one of the most convulsive days in the country's recent political history.

The Senate suspended its deliberations after chanting protesters gained entry to the Capitol, prompting police to lock down the building. Some lawmakers tweeted that they were sheltering in place. Thousands of pro-Trump protesters rallied in the nation's capital, answering appeals by Trump himself, who addressed supporters gathered outside the White House.

In addition, with party control of the chamber at stake in a pair of runoff elections in Georgia, Democrats won one of the races and seemed on the brink of winning the other.

Two Democratic victories would produce a 50-50 Senate, which Democrats would control with the tie-breaking vote of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

In recent weeks, McConnell has challenged Trump, whose term ends Jan. 20, with increasing frequency,

including helping override Trump's veto of a defense bill and working to kill Trump's push for \$2,000 economic stimulus payments to Americans.

But McConnell minced no words Wednesday as he spoke on the Senate floor against Trump's futile bid to reverse his reelection loss.

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# Trump's Republican wall eroding ahead of impeachment vote

By Steve Peoples  
The Associated Press

Republicans offered only modest reproach when President Donald Trump said there were "very fine people" on both sides of a white supremacist rally. They stayed in line when Trump was caught pressuring a foreign leader and later defended his handling of a deadly pandemic.

But with a sudden force, the wall of Republican support that has enabled Trump to weather a seemingly endless series of crises is beginning to erode.

Trump's weakened standing among his own party will come into sharper focus on Wednesday when the House is expected to impeach the president for inciting a riot at the U.S. Capitol last week. A handful of Republicans have already said they'll join the effort,

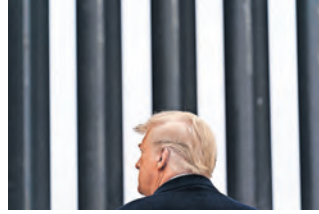
a number that could grow as the vote nears.

The choice facing Republicans isn't just about the immediate fate of Trump, who has just seven days left in his presidency. It's about whether the party's elected leaders are ready to move on from Trump, who remains popular with many GOP voters but is now toxic in much of Washington.

How they proceed could determine whether the party remains viable in upcoming elections or splinters in a way that could limit their relevance.

"We're at the moment now where we're seeing a fracturing, a breaking, because of the unprecedented situation — the sedition, the violence, the death," said Steve Schmidt, a longtime Republican strategist who left the party because of Trump.

The stunning nature



President Donald Trump tours a section of the U.S.-Mexico border wall Tuesday in Alamo, Texas. (ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

of the deadly insurrection — and Trump's role in fueling it — has shaken many lawmakers. Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 Republican in the House, gave rank-and-file conservatives the green light to abandon Trump in a scathing statement Tuesday evening.

"There has never been a greater betrayal by a president of the United States

of his office and his oath to the Constitution," she charged.

More ominously for Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell believes Trump committed impeachable offenses and considers Democrats' impeachment drive an opportunity to reduce the divisive, chaotic president's hold on the GOP, a Republican strategist told

The Associated Press on Wednesday.

McConnell also called major Republican donors this weekend to gauge their thinking about Trump and was adamantly told that Trump had clearly crossed a line. McConnell told them he was through with Trump, said the strategist, who demanded anonymity to describe McConnell's conversations. The New York Times first reported McConnell's views on impeachment on Tuesday.

While stunning, the fast-moving developments do not ensure Trump will be forced from office before Democrat Joe Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration. The timing of a Senate trial is unclear and could spill into Biden's presidency.

But for the first time, there are real signs that a significant faction of Republicans want to

purge Trump from their party.

Already, three Trump Cabinet members have resigned in protest. Former Attorney General Bill Barr, who left the White House less than a month ago, accused his former boss of a "betrayal of his office."

It took almost a week for Vice President Mike Pence, whose relationship with Trump has soured considerably since he and his family were forced into hiding during the Capitol siege, to publicly declare he would not invoke the 25th Amendment of the Constitution to remove Trump from office.

Despite the defections, Trump remains popular with a significant portion of his political base. The president's remaining allies warn that Republicans who cross him publicly risk a conservative backlash in their next elections.

## Ala. man with Molotov cocktails at US Capitol riot left alarming notes

By Melissa Brown  
and Brian Lyman  
Montgomery Advertiser

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — An Alabama man who parked a truck filled with Molotov cocktails and a cache of firearms blocks from the U.S. Capitol had "concerning" handwritten notes that named an Obama-appointed federal judge a "bad guy," singled out a Muslim representative and listed contact information for conservative media personalities, according to court records.

The materials were unsealed Tuesday in the federal case against Lonnie Coffman, who was formally indicted on 17 separate weapons charges after his Jan. 6 arrest.

Prosecutors included photos of his various weapons and handwritten notes in a motion for pretrial detention, arguing the "handwritten messages raise alarm in the context of the Jan. 6 rioting and criminal infringement on our nation's democratic process."

Coffman, 70, was arrested on Jan. 6 in the aftermath of a chaotic pro-Trump rally that descended into a riot and deadly insurrection inside the halls of Congress.

"The Molotov cocktails were created so as to be particularly lethal, with a napalm substance inside that would stick to the target and continue to burn," prosecutors wrote in a detention motion. "The defendant had hundreds of rounds of ammunition, each of which could cost a human life. The pickup truck was parked in close proximity to the U.S. Capitol Building."

Coffman had five illegal firearms, according to prosecutors — two pistols, one revolver, an AR-15 and a shotgun — in addition to the Molotov cocktails and a "large capacity ammo feeding device."

Charges against Coffman include possession of an unregistered firearm, carrying a pistol without a license, carrying a rifle or shotgun outside of a home or place of business, possession of a large ammunition feeding device and unlawful possession of ammunition.

The defendant brought these weapons to the immediate vicinity of the U.S. Capitol Building, and traveled the area with two firearms on

his person," the motion for pre-trial detention states. "The amount of weapons suggests an intent to provide them to others, as no one person could reasonably use so many at once."

The motion added: "The nature and seriousness of the danger that the defendant would pose if released cannot be overstated."

Coffman was not charged with illegally entering a federal building or civil disorder, as others arrested on Jan. 6 and accused of participating directly in the riot inside the Capitol have been.

Coffman's attorney, a D.C. public defender, has not returned requests for comment sent via phone and email. Additional attempts to reach the Coffman family have been unsuccessful.

## NJ Rep.: Congress members gave 'reconnaissance' tours day before Capitol raid

By Nicholas Katzban  
NorthJersey.com

Rep. Mikie Sherrill, during a live webcast Tuesday evening, said she witnessed some members of Congress leading people through the Capitol on Jan. 5 in what she termed a "reconnaissance for the next day" when insurrectionists took part in a deadly siege on the legislative branch.

During the Facebook Live, Sherrill (D-N.J.) addressed her constituents to explain why she voted for a resolution to ask Vice President Mike Pence to remove President Donald Trump from office by invoking the 25th Amendment. That measure passed late Tuesday 223-205, but Pence had notified House Speaker Nancy Pelosi earlier in the day that he would not comply with the request.

That makes it likely that the House will, for

the second time, impeach Trump on Wednesday. Sherrill said she intends to support an article of impeachment against Trump for "incitement of insurrection."

After laying out her reasons for seeking Trump's removal, Sherrill moved on to those of her congressional colleagues who, she said, "abetted" the president's attempt to overturn the results of the election and undermine democracy by inciting a violent mob.

"I'm going to see they are held accountable, and if necessary, ensure that they don't serve in Congress," she said, speaking sedately, but severely. Sherrill's commentary

on her colleagues is below:

"We can't have a democracy if members of Congress are actively helping the president overturn the elections results."

And so not only do I intend to see that the president is removed and never runs for office again and doesn't have access to classified material, I also intend to see that those members of Congress who abetted him; those members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that I saw on Jan. 5 — a reconnaissance for the next day; those members of Congress that incited this violent crowd; those members of Congress that attempted to



New Jersey Rep. Mikie Sherrill. (MICHAEL KARAS/NORTHJERSEY.COM)

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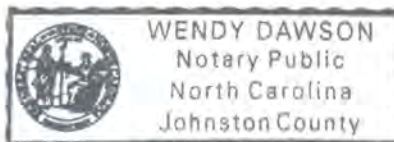
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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 167

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Legal Clerk

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ROWAN COUNTY

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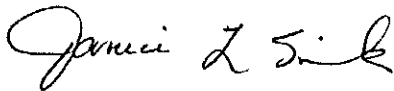
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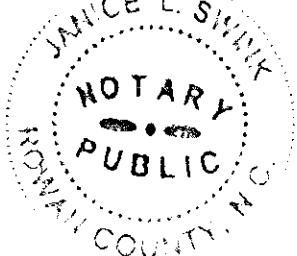
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Courier-Tribune Representative

Sworn to and Subscribed  
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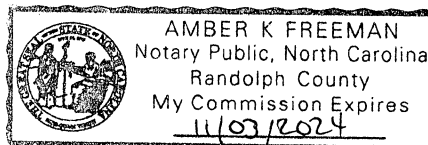
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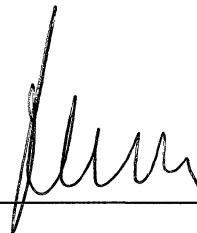
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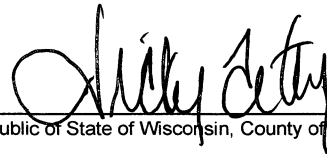
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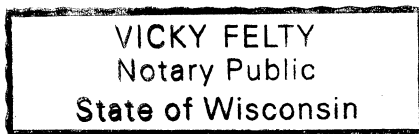
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STATE OF NC }  
COUNTY OF HARNETT } SS

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Representative

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 12th day of January 2021

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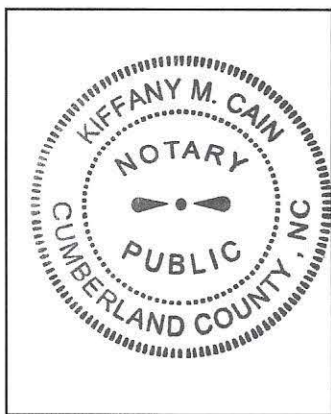


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**TODAY IN HISTORY**

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 14, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

**On this date:**

In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice (fay-LEE'-chay) Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated.

In 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

In 1972, the situation comedy "Sanford and Son," starring Redd Foxx and Demond Wilson, premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1975, the House Internal Security Committee (formerly the House Un-American Activities Committee) was disbanded.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

In 2010, President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid.

In 2013, Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey during a videotaped interview that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France.

**PITTS**

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The worst part: This happened with no public discussion. This sharply contrasts with last June, when, after City Council members had a discussion, they voted unanimously and boldly to authorize the murals.

The decision came in the wake of local and national Black Lives Matter protests for social justice in response to the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

The abrupt end to the murals at the Market House, where enslaved Black people were once sold, has been upsetting to many in our community, myself included.

I received texts on Monday morning about what was happening and went to see for myself. I arrived in time to see workers erasing the "LIVES" part of the slogan, using a flame. The word "BLACK" had already been reduced to a faint echo of what had just recently been bold, yellow letters.

**Mayor: 'Bad timing'**

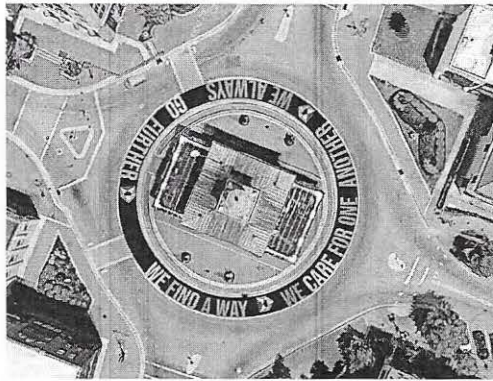
On Tuesday, Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin told me council members consented to removing the murals in phone conversations he had with each of them in December.

"I'm extremely apologetic about what happened," he says of the process and Monday's removal. "It was bad timing."

He says now it would have been better if the council had added an agenda item at a future council meeting.

"Hindsight is 20/20, we probably should have just put it as an item," he said.

Colvin said that in his phone conversations, only Councilwoman Shakyla Ingram was against the idea of removing the murals and leaving the space blank for now.



A proposal for new words around the Market House was not immediately adopted by the Fayetteville City Council. On Monday, the city began removing the slogans "Black Lives Do Matter" and "End Racism Now," which had been approved and painted in June. (COOL SPRING DOWNTOWN DISTRICT)

Ingram told me she supported a replacement design with different words submitted by the Cool Spring Downtown District as part of the city's rebranding — if the murals were to be replaced at all. Colvin said council members' vote was a response to letters dated Dec. 10 and Dec. 18 from City Manager Doug Hewett, who was looking for guidance on what to do with the murals, which were starting to show wear and tear.

He wrote on Dec. 10 that the "City Council's approval of the Market House murals contemplated that the murals would be temporarily allowed for several months, but would not be permanent."

He proposed removing them to coincide with the completion of repairs to the Market House, which was damaged in a May 29 Black Lives Matter protest that turned into a riot. He said the removal could also coincide with the new community branding effort. He added: "Understanding the community interest around the murals, I know that the removal will be a

point of conversation and wanted to make you all aware before we move forward." In the Dec. 18 letter, Hewett provided to the council pictures that showed the wear to the letters.

Colvin said Tuesday: "We had an opportunity to touch it up after the two incidents of vandalism. So we really got a lot more life out of it." There was not enough council interest in the suggested Cool Spring replacement slogans, which include phrases like, "We Care for One Another" and "We Find a Way." So the decision was made to paint the circle black for now, according to Colvin.

**Removal delay**

In the Dec. 18 letter, Hewett proposed beginning the process to remove the murals on Wednesday, Dec. 30, or Wednesday, Jan. 6. The latter day was coincidentally the date of the Capitol attacks, when Trump supporters tried to disrupt the Congressional certification of Biden's victory in the Electoral College. The removal did not

could live with the display being temporary. (Those who opposed the project in the first place can certainly live with it.)

But there should have been a public discussion of what was next, and when the transition would take place.

Ingram suggested the council might have waited until after the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday later this month, or Black History Month in February. Both these strike me as good suggestions.

The city could have touched the paintings up one more time for these milestones, and then we move forward.

We face particularly difficult community conversations about the Market House itself. Some want to tear it down, others want to preserve it as is, still others want to repurpose it.

What happened on Monday was a model of how not to handle these kinds of sensitive talks on race. We need transparency and clear communication.

I understand that the plan to remove the murals was made before the failed insurrection in the Capitol last Wednesday. But sometimes cataclysmic events require adjustments — we saw that with 9/11 and we see it daily with the COVID-19 pandemic.

What happened at the Capitol has caused the country to take a hard look at itself, even as state and federal officials bicker for what they say could be more violence in state capitals.

What better time to make bold statements for justice, for peace, for equality?

Instead, the city chose this very time in history to torch and paint over those sentiments on its public streets.

Not a good look.

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Workers begin removing the slogans "Black Lives Do Matter" and "End Racism Now" from around the Market House in Fayetteville on the morning of Jan. 11. (MYRON B. PITTS)

**SECURITY**

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"I think there are a couple of permitted protests scheduled, but they appear to be at times when the (General Assembly) is not in session," Butler said. "He expressed confidence that appropriate measures will be in place in collaboration with Highway Patrol and Capitol Police."

The State Capitol Police cover other state government buildings in and around Raleigh.

Brock told lawmakers no protests are expected on Wednesday, said state Rep. Marvin Lucas, a Spring Lake Democrat, and law enforcement had no information of "credible threats."

"He said, you know, they're making preparations for Sunday — end of course, so, no, they're not looking for much," Lucas said. "But they're ready if something does occur."

security checkpoints over the past few years at its main building, called the Legislative Building, and its secondary building, the Legislative Office Building. These include metal detectors and X-ray equipment and, more recently, temperature checks for coronavirus infections.

GOP Rep. Frank Iler of Brunswick County said he hasn't seen additional measures installed this past week, since the events in Washington.

"I think we're in pretty good shape," Iler said early Tuesday evening. "But you know, we gotta be prepared, and I think we are." The General Assembly's security checkpoints were added following several years of almost weekly protests inside the building against the Republican-led legislature. Some protesters arranged to be arrested as expressions of civil disobedience.

Them in 2020 protests in downtown Raleigh for the Black Lives Matter movement had vandalism and arrests. A protest by the



ReOpen NC organization against the governor's COVID-19 restrictions also had some arrests. State Rep. Billy Richardson of Fayetteville, a Democrat, said he expects more police personnel on site than usual, in part because there will be more people there than normal with the opening day of the session.

"I think that they're going to have a much more cautious eye than normal. I think there's going to be much more heightened alertness. And I for one appreciate that," Richardson said.

It's important to allow people their First Amendment right to protest, and the protesters should be respectful of other people's property, Richardson said. Following Wednesday's pump-and-circumstance,

the General Assembly will take a break for several weeks while the legislature's leaders make committee appointments and do other set-up tasks required for the next two years of lawmaking.

Richardson said he won't let threats of violence keep him from doing his job as a lawmaker and attending Wednesday's session. "I think that if we don't attend and go, that they will. And I'm not about to let — sacrifice my seat — because some id —, some fool, wants to, you know, be foolish," Richardson said.

"I think it's vital that we be there and stand strong."

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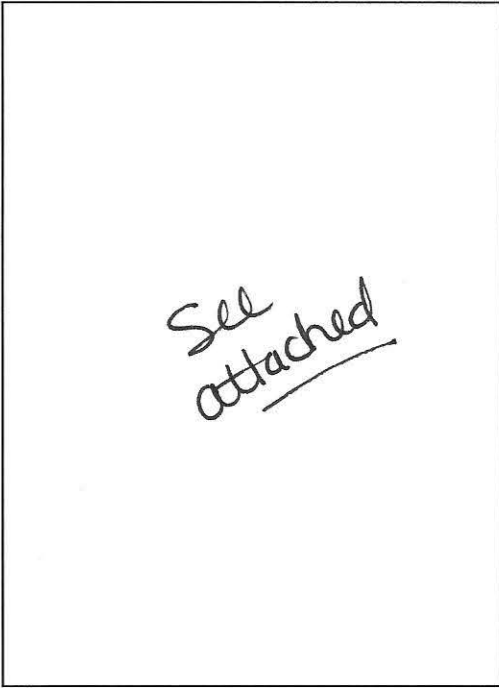
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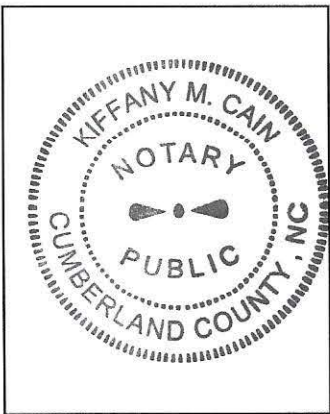
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# 5 times the National Guard helped Fayetteville and NC



Myron B. Pitts

The vaccines designed to fight COVID-19 are trickling out slower than expected, in North Carolina and around the country.

Gov. Roy Cooper on Tuesday mobilized the North Carolina National Guard to help distribute the life-saving medicine. He called administering the vaccines quickly "our top priority."

It comes as no surprise the guard will be involved. These troops have been called to the state's aid many times over the tough year of 2020, and historically,

in other times of crisis. Many of us know guard soldiers' vital work in helping rescue people and pick up the pieces from hurricanes Matthew and Florence. Of course, the soldiers also help fight the global wars on terror and have been involved in numerous other deployments.

Here at home, the assistance they provide is very visible to the people around whom they live and work.

Following are five times in recent years the guard has lent a helping hand during crises in Cumberland County and around the state.

**Security during civil unrest (summer 2020):** Fayetteville was among cities riddled by violence and vandalism after peaceful protests on behalf of George Floyd went

awry on May 29. On that same day, Cooper mobilized 450 guard troops statewide to help local authorities deal with the unrest and its aftermath.

Forty troops with the Guard's 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, based in Charlotte, assisted law enforcement here in Fayetteville. The statewide mission ended around June 9.

**COVID-19 response (From spring of 2020):** Guard soldiers were activated in May and September to help communities across the state fight the pandemic. This has meant everything from inspecting eggs for food banks to helping medical personnel run a COVID-19 drive-thru test site to filling in for short-staffed community agencies involved in pandemic assistance.

**Food distribution**

**(From spring 2020):** The pandemic led to lockdowns in North Carolina and high unemployment. The unfortunate state of affairs has turned public food distributions into big events that drew hundreds of cars.

Enter the National Guard soldiers and airmen. They worked alongside workers with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeastern North Carolina to do large-scale food box giveaways; among them, big events in March and November at the Crown Complex in Fayetteville. There was a large food distribution before Christmas, too, at Smith Recreation Center.

During the November effort, David Griffin, an administrator with the food bank, told a reporter with the Guard News: "We couldn't do it without the

North Carolina National Guard. Without them, and their expertise in logistics and things of that nature, we couldn't do the job we are able to do."

**Hurricane Florence (2018):** North Carolina activated more than 3,400 guard troops for Hurricane Florence, which lingered in Fayetteville during September of Oct. 8, although rising river waters were a threat for long after. The guard took part in many water rescues and evacuations in Cumberland County and across North Carolina. Troops later pitched in with recovery and relief efforts. In all, the N.C. National Guard mobilized 1,500 troops during 1,500.

personnel (doctors, nurses, law enforcement, etc.) and communications and cyber support," wrote Maj. Gen. Greg Lusk, adjutant general of the North Carolina Guard, in a year-end recap.

**Hurricane Matthew (2016):** Matthew poured out in a deluge in Fayetteville mainly on the single day of Oct. 8, although rising river waters were a threat for long after. The guard took part in many water rescues and evacuations in Cumberland County and across North Carolina. Troops later pitched in with recovery and relief efforts. In all, the N.C. National Guard mobilized 1,500 troops during 1,500.

Opinion Editor Myron B. Pitts can be reached at mpitts@fayobserver.com or 910-486-3559.

# West Coast restaurant opening in Fayetteville

**Akira Kyles**  
The Fayetteville Observer  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dave's Hot Chicken, which originated in California, will be opening its first East Coast locations in North Carolina.

Dave's Hot Chicken specializes in hot chicken tenders and sliders with spice levels ranging from no spice to "reaper."

The company announced

in a news release that they will be opening 10 locations throughout North Carolina, including Fayetteville, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Burlington, Wilmington and Jacksonville.

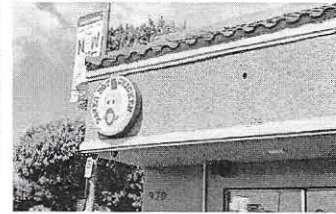
"This is a thrilling moment for Dave's Hot Chicken. It's been a relatively short amount of time since we started franchising, but the brand has quickly gained great traction and we've signed over 240 units and

also just made the jump from west to east," Bill Phelps, CEO of Dave's Hot Chicken, said in the news release. "We're proud of these milestones, but know that we're just getting started. I can't wait for North Carolina to taste Dave's Hot Chicken."

Dave's Hot Chicken was founded by chef Dave Kopushyan and three friends in early 2017. The business originally opened as a parking lot pop-up. In 2019, the

founders partnered with Bill Phelps, former co-founder and CEO of Wetzel's Pretzels. According to the release, Dave's Hot Chicken is now focused on bringing their tenders and sliders to communities throughout North America and has over 30 locations expected to open coast-to-coast in 2021.

Staff writer Akira Kyles can be reached at akyles@gannett.com.



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# What jobs in Fayetteville pay \$15 or more?

**Rachael Riley**  
The Fayetteville Observer  
USA TODAY NETWORK

About 20 states and 32 cities and counties across the country were expected to raise minimum wages at the start of the new year, according to a report provided to USA Today by worker advocacy group the National Employment Law Project.

North Carolina was not one of those states, though there have been past efforts to increase the state's minimum wages to \$15 an hour.

North Carolina's minimum wage currently matches the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, according to the North Carolina Department of Labor.

In late 2019 and early 2020, NC Raise Up was one of the groups part of the national Fight for \$15 organization.

"A lot of people here are limited to working in restaurants — low-paying jobs," fast food worker Jennifer Mack of

Fayetteville said in one of the news releases in 2019. "You can be at a job for 15 years and not even make \$10 an hour."

In a February 2020 letter to the editor, Fayetteville resident and Navy veteran Jeannie McDonald said she's been stuck making \$7.25 minimum wage for more than 10 years.

"It's not enough to pay for the basic necessities ...," McDonald wrote. "Raising our state wage to \$15 an hour would be an investment in our communities. It would bring many Fayetteville families out of poverty."

However, some groups like the National Federation of Independent Businesses have raised concerns that mandating an increase to federal or state minimum wages could hurt small businesses and cause owners to decrease the number of employees and raise prices to cover the extra costs.

The Faces of 15 have told the stories of negatively affected business owners, as

has the Employment Policies Institute.

A Congressional Budget Office study in 2019 found a \$15 federal minimum wage would increase pay for 17 million workers who earn less than that and possibly another 10 million who earn slightly more. But it could cause 1.3 million other workers to lose their jobs.

As NC Raise Up and Raising Wages NC each push to raise the state's minimum wage level, we've compiled a list of companies around Fayetteville already paying \$15 for entry-level jobs or more.

- Target:** Target announced it would raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour by July 2020.
- Hobby Lobby:** Hobby Lobby announced it would raise its minimum wage to \$17 an hour by October 2020.
- Bank of America:** At the end of 2019, Bank of America announced it was raising its minimum wage from \$17 an hour to \$20 an hour.
- Wells Fargo:** In March, Wells Fargo announced it would raise its minimum hourly pay to range from \$15 to \$20, based on employee location.
- Charter Communications:** In April, Charter Communications, which owns Spectrum, announced it plans to raise its existing \$15 an hour starting wage to \$20 an hour within the next two years.
- Best Buy:** Best Buy announced it would increase its hourly wage to \$15 an hour, starting in August 2020.
- The U.S. Postal Service:** The U.S. Postal Service has openings in St. Pauls and Hope Mills that range from \$17 an hour to \$19 an hour, according to postings on indeed.com and simplyhired.com.
- Sanderson Farms:** SimplyHired lists a production opening in St. Pauls. In June 2019, the company announced it would increase the pay of hourly

line operators to \$15 an hour. Hourly maintenance employee pay could range from \$19.95 to \$27.45 an hour.

- Milan Laser Hair Removal:** ZipRecruiter and LinkedIn each list Milan Laser Hair Removal's client specialist job as \$15 an hour, plus commissions.
- Rooms To Go:** The pay is not exactly known.

SimplyHired shows an opening for a furniture repair apprentice in Dunn, with an estimated salary of \$30,000 to \$42,000 a year. At \$30,000, that'd be a little less than \$15 an hour at about \$14.42 an hour.

Staff writer Rachael Riley can be reached at rriley@fayobserver.com or 910-486-3528.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2021. There are 358 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

**On this date:**

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1969, the United States recognized the new government of Cuba, six days after Fidel Castro led the overthrow

of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1990, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

In 2004, President George W. Bush proposed legal status, at least temporarily, for millions of immigrants improperly working in the U.S.

In 2006, U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, facing corruption charges, stepped down as House majority leader. (DeLay was found guilty in Nov. 2010 of illegally funneling campaign money to Texas candidates; his conviction was eventually overturned.)

# Malpractice Claims for Military Families

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 157

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities - 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing on the docket which will convene on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to be held remotely via Webex for the purpose of taking nonpartisan public testimony as a part of its 2020 biennial determination of avoided cost rates for purchases of electricity by electric utilities who are parties to this docket from qualifying facilities. The electric utilities who are parties to this docket are Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DEN), Western Carolina University (WCU), and Appalachian State University, d/b/a New River Light and Power Company (New River).

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In addition to the requirements of PURPA, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 63-156 requires the Commission to determine the rates and contract terms to be observed by electric utilities in purchasing power from small power producers as defined in N.C.G.S. § 62-327A. The rates established pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-156 shall not exceed, over the term of the purchase power contract, the incremental cost to the electric utility of the electric energy which, but for the purchase from a small power producer, the utility would generate or purchase from another source.

The purpose of the hearing called by this Notice is to consider revision of the avoided cost rates and contract terms previously set by the Commission for the purchase of electricity by the electric utilities who are parties to this proceeding from qualifying facilities in North Carolina.

Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [avoidedcostpublichearing@ncuc.gov](mailto:avoidedcostpublichearing@ncuc.gov) or by calling 800-360-3816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-100, Sub 157), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public witness hearing.

The Public Staff is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Jones, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 432E Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
This 24th day of November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snydor, Deputy Clerk



**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared David Rouse

who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that he (she) is

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(Publisher, or other officer or employee authorized to make affidavit) of PAXTON MEDIA GROUP, engaged in the publication of a newspaper known as GOLDSBORO NEWS-ARGUS, published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the city of Goldsboro in said County and State; that he (she) is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in GOLDSBORO NEWS-ARGUS on the following dates:

- January 7, 2021
- January 14, 2021

and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each, and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This 20th day of January, 2021

David Rouse  
(Signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20th day of January, 2021

Kimberly A Langley  
Notary Public

**KIMBERLY A LANGLEY**  
Notary Public  
Wayne County, NC

My Commission expires: August 5, 2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH  
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 167  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
In the Matter of  
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ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.  
This the 24th day of November, 2020.  
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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NORTH CAROLINA  
VANCE COUNTY

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared GINA EAVES, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is Advertising Director (Owner, partner, publisher, or other officer or employee authorized to make this affidavit) of Henderson Newspapers, Inc., engaged in the publication of a newspaper known as The Daily Dispatch, published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the City of Henderson, in said County and State; that she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in The Daily Dispatch on the following dates:

**January 7th & January 14th, 2021**

and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every such publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

**This 3rd Day of February, 2021**

*Gina Eaves*  
(Signature of person making affidavit)

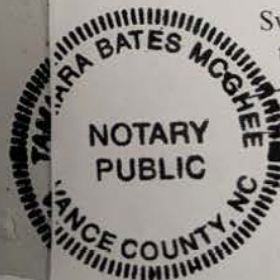
Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
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*Tommy Bates Mcghee*

Notary Public

My commission expires:

*May 28, 2023*



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**January 7, 2021**

**January 14, 2021**

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This 12 day of February, 2021

Stacey Spencer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12 day of

February, 2021

Tisha Williams

My commission expires: August 5, 2022



# OBITUARIES

## Faddie Lee Ballance Jr.

January 12, 1943 - January 4, 2021  
Faddie Lee Ballance Jr., 77, of Fremont passed away Monday.

Faddie loved to watch westerns and wrestling and playing solitaire on the computer. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and a friend to all who knew him.

Faddie is survived by his daughters, Audrey Johnson, Jennifer Godley and Debbie Lindlow and husband, Bud; sons, Michael Ballance and wife, Audrey and Michael Evans and wife, Michelle; fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by his fiancé, Donna Jean Evans; parents, Faddie and Lena Summerlin Ballance and five siblings.

Condolences directed to Joyner's Funeral Home and Crematory at www.joyners.net.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Joan Pugh Singleton

Joan Pugh Singleton, 72, of New Bern, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, followed by funeral at 2 p.m. at Pollock-Best Funeral Home. Burial will be at New Bern Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Pollock-Best Funerals & Cremations.

### Eric Anthony Brown

Eric Anthony Brown, 60, of 690 Henderson Road, Trenton, died Dec. 31, 2020, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 9, 2021, at the United American Free Will Baptist Tabernacle, 1011 Dr. JE Reddick Circle, Kinston. Burial will follow in the Haiti Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Anita S. Bruinton Brown of the home; one daughter, Shuniquewa Brown of Trenton; three sisters, Gwendolyn Brown of Trenton, Elaine Atkinson and Velma Roberts, both of Winston Salem; three brothers, Herbert Brown of Winston Salem, Avan Brown of Chapel Hill and Jerome Brown of Winston Salem.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at the funeral home and will

resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at all services.

Arrangements are by Trinity Memorial Funeral Home of Kinston.

### Ruby Mae Hackney

Ruby Mae Hackney, 63, of Greenville, formerly of Arapahoe, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at Vidant Inpatient Hospice, Greenville.

Viewing is Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oscar's Mortuary.

Her service is 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, on Oscar's Memorial Grounds, 1700 Oscar Drive. The

service may be viewed on Oscar's Mortuary Facebook Page

She is survived by one son, Jermaine Hackney, Greenville; three brothers, Ernest Hackney Jr., Texas, Freddie Hackney, New Bern, Timmy Hackney, Arapahoe; one sister, Molly Hackney, Arapahoe; one grandchild. Masks are required.

Arrangements are by Oscar's Mortuary, Inc.

### Maceva Jones

Maceva Jones, 78, of Vandemere, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at Grantsbrook Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are by Oscar's Mortuary, Inc.

## Mary Frances Mills Cook

Mary Frances Mills Cook went to be with the Lord January 5, 2021, surrounded by loved ones at the home of Virginia and Jack Lee.

She was born December 31, 1933, in Vanceboro, NC, to the late Virginia Stewart Mills and Leslie Eugene Mills Sr. She is predeceased by her daughter, Lois Ann Peebles.

Her greatest love was the Lord and gaining more knowledge of Him through various Bible studies. She was loved and an inspiration to everyone she met, she was a great Mema to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Through her sight disability she was very independent and ministered to others. She was an avid sports fan with her favorite being the Atlanta Braves.

She is survived by her daughters, Virginia Lee and husband Jack and Johnnie Stewart Hellen; son, Phillip Eugene Willis and wife, Mary; grandchildren, Doug Banks and wife Charli, Chris Lee, Brad



Lee and wife Kelly, Shaina Elks and husband Chris, Timothy Creech, Alexis Willis, Phillip Willis Jr.; eleven great grandchildren.

Due to Covid-19 a memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank Craven County Hospice and Home Care Agency for all their love and support during this difficult time.

Memorials may be made to Craven County Hospice, 2818 Neuse Blvd., New Bern, NC 28561.

Arrangements by Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be made to the Cook family at www.cottenfuneralhome.com

## VACCINE

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the NCDHHS Dashboard.

Harrelson said the figures are probably lower than reality, however. "A lot of people are having difficulty getting into the system and they're using paper," he said.

Initially, CarolinaEast received 975 doses of the Pfizer vaccine - a vaccine that requires refrigeration at approximately -80 degrees. CarolinaEast is one of only a few hospitals in the state with the equipment to store vaccines at such low temperatures. Scott Harrelson, Craven County Health Director, said that his department initially received 200 of the Moderna vaccine that can be stored in traditional vaccine storage units.

"We would have given out the whole 200, but we had no-shows," he said.

He said that, so far, he has heard of no significant reactions to the vaccine locally.

The health department has received a second shipment of vaccines - this time the Pfizer variety that will be stored at CEMC, meaning there are 975 doses. "We start giving those on Tuesday," he said.

While CEMC is treating only in-house, Harrelson said that some initial doses went "to some local pharmacists, local medical providers. Also, some folks from the dialysis center and some dental staff - a medley."

He added that all the nursing homes and assisted living groups in the county but one have registered with CVS or Walgreens. The one not registered will be handled by the health department.

Harrelson said it is hard to predict how many doses the health department will get - a factor that will determine how long it will take to move into the next phase - because shipments of the vaccine are unpredictable. "The first shipment was 200 Moderna, the second, 975 Pfizer. The next will be 100 Moderna." He added that

he also never knows exactly when shipments will arrive - he gets estimated times, not exact times. "Right now, it's real difficult to plan things," he said.

But he is optimistic. Other vaccines are being developed - "I heard today Johnson & Johnson's vaccine is to come out sometime in February" - and, once approved that will add to the number of doses being created and shipped.

As things are moving now, Harrelson estimates the county will be able to move into Phase 1B in the next two weeks. He is not sure when Phase 2 could begin but noted, "I don't think it will be long after that, because I think as I look down these lists, there's not a lot of difference between 1B and Phase 2."

He also estimates that doses will only be given by the health department, CEMC and the two pharmacy companies that are contracted to service nursing homes for the next 4-6 weeks.

And just what is 1B exactly? What are any of those phases, in fact?

NCDHHS lists them as follows:

- 1a: Health care workers fighting COVID19 & Long-term Care staff and residents
- 1b: Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers
- 2: Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness
- 3: Students
- 4: Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.

Each section is more carefully broken down on the NCDHHS website at www.covid-19ncdhhs.gov. For instance, Phase 1b has three phases in itself: those 75 or older, healthcare workers and "frontline essential workers" 50 years or older; and group 3, the remaining healthcare workers and frontline workers.

"Frontline essential workers" is an ambiguous phrase, but the CDC defines it as "first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers,

manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as childcare workers."

Phase 2 is broken down into four mini-phases: Group 1 is anyone 65-74 years old; group 2 is anyone 16-64 who has high-risk medical conditions; group 3 is anyone who is incarcerated or other close group living conditions; and group 4 is "essential workers not yet vaccinated" which includes "workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers," again, according to the CDC.

Phase 3 will start with college and university students, then add K-12 students age 16 and older. Younger students will have to wait until a vaccine is specifically approved for them.

Phase 4 simply opens the door to everyone who has not yet been vaccinated and will not likely happen until

late spring to early summer.

"We're probably going to wind up vaccinating 4 days a week," Harrelson said. "Two days will be the second dose crowd and 2 days the first-time crowd."

It will not be drive-through like the COVID testing is - "We don't have enough vaccines to warrant a mass drive-through clinic." He added that the department is in talks with CCHC and CEMC. "We're going to try to come together and maybe work together to immunize the community and set up a good location to do that." He noted that the health department isn't set up to easily receive the numbers he is expecting who will want vaccines.

As to how people can receive their vaccines once 1B rolls in, Harrelson said people will be able to come to, or call the health department to register. "To try to keep the lines down and the wait times to a minimum, we really like scheduling them," he said. "Every 15 minutes we'll schedule a group to come in and get their vaccine."

Further information on vaccines can be obtained from the NCDHHS at 888-892-1162.

## VICTORY

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The last-gasp effort is all but certain to fail, defeated by bipartisan majorities in Congress prepared to accept the November results. Biden is to be inaugurated Jan. 20.

Still, Trump vowed to he would "never concede" and urged the massive crowd to march to the Capitol where hundreds had already gathered under tight security.

"We will never give up," Trump told his noontime rally.

Vice President Mike Pence was closely watched as he stepped onto the dais to preside over the joint session in the House chamber.

Pence has a largely ceremonial role, opening the sealed envelopes from the states after they are carried in mahogany boxes used for the occasion, and reading the results aloud. But he was under growing pressure from Trump to overturn the will of the voters and tip the results in the president's

favor, despite having no legal power to affect the outcome.

"Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!" Trump tweeted Wednesday.

But Pence, in a statement shortly before presiding, defied Trump, saying he could not claim "unilateral authority" to reject the electoral votes that make Biden president.

Despite Trump's repeated claims of voter fraud, election officials and his own former attorney general have said there were no problems on a scale that would change the outcome. All the states have certified their results as fair and accurate, by Republican and Democratic officials alike.

Arizona was the first of several states facing objections from the Republicans as Congress took an alphabetical reading of the election results.

Biden won Arizona by more than 10,000 votes, and eight lawsuits challenging the results have failed. The state's Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the dismissal of an election challenge.

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This the 24th day of November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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# World warily watches America's postelection aftershocks

By Lori Hinnant  
The Associated Press

PARIS — For America's allies and rivals alike, the chaos unfolding during Donald Trump's final days as president is the logical result of four years of global instability brought on by the man who promised to change the way the world viewed the United States.

From the outside, the United States has never looked so vulnerable — or unpredictable.

Alliances that had held for generations frayed to a breaking point under Trump — from his decision to back out of the Paris climate accord and the Iran nuclear deal, to quitting the World Health Organization amid a pandemic.

And then, by seeking to overturn his loss to Joe Biden, Trump upended the bedrock principle of democratic elections that the United States has tried — and sometimes even succeeded — in exporting around the world. How long those aftershocks could endure is unclear.

"It is one of the biggest tasks of the future for America and Europe — to fight the polarization of society at its roots," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said. "We will only be able to preserve the belief in togetherness,



Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier Jan. 6 at the Capitol in Washington. For America's allies and rivals alike, the chaos unfolding during Donald Trump's final days as president is the logical result of four years of global instability brought on by the man who promised to change the way the world viewed the United States. [JULIO CORTEZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

in democracy as the most humane form of statehood, and the conviction in science and reason if we do it together."

But in many ways Europe has already moved on, forging ahead on the deal with Iran, negotiating a trade agreement with China spearheaded by Germany, and organizing global actions to protect the environment.

On the same day an angry mob stormed the Capitol to try to overturn the presidential election

by Biden, a record number of Americans died of coronavirus. One other recent event also showed U.S. vulnerability: the cyberespionage operation still working its way through an untold number of government computers and blamed on elite Russian hackers.

World leaders who saw the deadly violence in Washington "will need to consider whether these events are an outlier event — a 'black swan' — or whether these

extremist white supremacist groups will continue to be a significant influence on the direction of U.S. foreign and domestic policy, instead of receding with the end of the Trump administration," the Soufan Group, a global intelligence and security firm, wrote Tuesday.

People tend to think of fragile countries "in terms of war as the biggest problem, rather than violence, and thinking in terms of state collapse as the biggest problem rather than

states that internally disintegrate," said Rachel Kleinfeld, a scholar of democracy and violence at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Kleinfeld, like many others, said the assault on the U.S. Capitol may have come to a head in a matter of weeks but was years in the making.

And the U.S. capacity to fight for democracy was already tarnished before the mob egged on by Trump sought to overturn his election loss. For many, those events were merely confirmation.

Adversaries including Russia, China and Iran used the violence to question U.S. democracy more generally.

In an internal note on the State Department's "dissent channel" obtained by The Associated Press, American diplomats said Trump's actions had made their job harder. "It is critical that we communicate to the world that in our system, no one — not even the president — is above the law or immune from public criticism," the note said. "This would be a first step towards repairing the damage to our international credibility."

Trump showed no contrition, however, saying Tuesday his fiery rally remarks to supporters were "totally appropriate."

In Iraq, a country that still struggles with the controversial legacy of a U.S.-led invasion in the name of democracy, many people followed the Washington events with a mixture of shock and fascination.

Then-U.S. President George W. Bush boasted that Iraq would become a model of democracy in a region ruled by dictators. Instead, the country fell into protracted war between Sunnis and Shiites in which tens of thousands of people died. Although it has an active parliament and regular elections, it is a dysfunctional democracy based on a sectarian power sharing agreement, with corrupt parties haggling over ministries and posts so they can give jobs to supporters while lining their own pockets.

Ahmad al-Helfi, a 39-year-old Iraqi political cartoonist, said what happened at the U.S. Capitol is a blow to the democracy it tried to bring to Iraq and other countries.

"By mobilizing his followers in an effort to overturn the results of the election, Trump confirmed that instead of exporting democracy to Iraq, America imported the chaos, non-peaceful transition of power, and failure to accept election results," al-Helfi said.

## John Kelly: Trump's 'manhood is at issue,' can't admit Capitol mistake

By Donnelle Eller  
Des Moines Register

President Donald Trump's former chief of staff John Kelly told a Des Moines audience Tuesday that his former boss can't admit to making a mistake because "his manhood is at issue here."

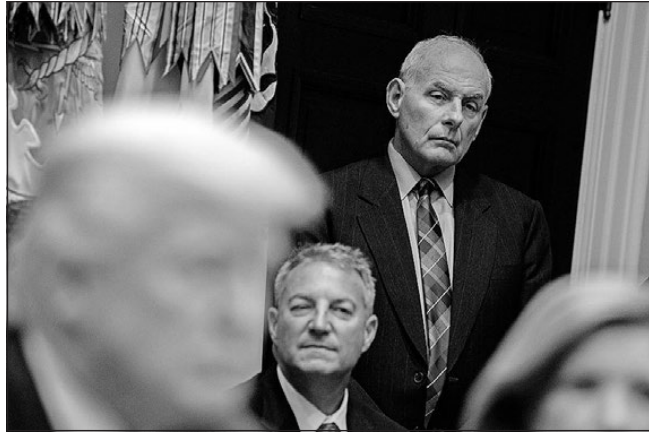
"I don't understand it, although I had to deal with it every day," said Kelly, a retired four-star Marine general who served as Trump's top aide from July 31, 2017, until his Jan. 2, 2019, resignation.

His comments came in a conversation led by Anthony Scaramucci, who had served just 10 days as White House communications director in July 2017 when Kelly fired him after Scaramucci made accusations against other top White House staffers. The two have been carrying on a dialogue as featured speakers at various events since making amends in early 2019.

Their appearance Tuesday was a highlight of the Peoples Co.'s annual Land Investment Expo at the Iowa Events Center. Kelly said last week that he supported using the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office after Trump supporters breached the U.S. Capitol and five people died, including a Capitol police officer.

The violence followed a rally where the president repeatedly made false claims that the election had been stolen from him and called for his supporters to fight back as Congress moved to confirm the Electoral College vote for Democrat Joe Biden.

In Des Moines, Kelly said Trump needs to appeal to Americans for peace as top law enforcement officials express growing concern about the potential for



Then-White House chief of staff John Kelly listens as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting on tax policy with business leaders at the White House. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

violence leading up to Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration.

The president "should make an appeal to every American, I don't care what the issue is, that you have an absolute right to protest, an absolute right to say what you want, but you have no right to break things, to destroy things," Kelly said. "You have absolutely no right to do violence."

Scaramucci asked Kelly why the president "was having a hard time doing that."

"The man does not ever, ever, ever want to appear weak... or that he might have been wrong," said Kelly.

But, Kelly said, "great leaders, good leaders" have to sometimes admit they have made a mistake. "He doesn't have the ability to do that. His manhood is at issue here."

Vice President Mike Pence said Tuesday he would not pursue removing Trump from office. Still, U.S. House Democrats, joined by a handful of Republicans, are moving to impeach the president.

Kelly said he believes the U.S. will have enough National Guard troops and law enforcement officers

on hand to protect Biden and those who attend his inauguration.

"But we have to, as Americans, take a breath here, and say, 'Why is this happening?' and start talking with each other," he said.

Kelly said he's concerned that national leaders, wrapped up in the "blood sport" of running for election, forget to do what's right for America.

"They're not bad people," he said. "They're just always running for re-election, so they have to demonize the other side — whatever the other side is — and point out the inequities."

"We have got to get to the point of looking very, very hard at who is running for office," Kelly said. "We need to look at their character, their record on integrity, morality... then say, 'Now let's talk politics.'"

Kelly said Americans used to be able to civilly discuss political issues, even hotly contested ones like abortion.

Most Americans "wants the same thing" — a job, family and friends, opportunities for their kids and safety, Kelly said. "We a lot more in common with each other" than not.

## NJ Rep.: Congress members gave 'reconnaissance' tours before Capitol raid

By Nicholas Katzban  
NorthJersey.com

Rep. Miki Sherrill, during a live webcast Tuesday evening, said she witnessed some members of Congress leading people through the Capitol on Jan. 5 in what she termed a "reconnaissance for the next day" when insurrectionists took part in a deadly siege on the legislative branch.

During the Facebook Live, Sherrill (D-N.J.) addressed her constituents to explain why she voted for a resolution to ask Vice President Mike Pence to remove President Donald Trump from office by invoking the 25th Amendment. That measure passed late Tuesday 223-205, but Pence had notified House Speaker Nancy Pelosi earlier in the day that he would not comply with the request.

That makes it likely that the House will, for the second time, impeach Trump on Wednesday. Sherrill said she intends to support an article of impeachment against Trump for "incitement of insurrection."

After laying out her reasons for seeking Trump's removal, Sherrill moved on to those of her congressional colleagues who, she said, "abetted" the president's attempt to overturn the results of the election and undermine democracy by inciting a violent mob.

"I'm going to see they are held accountable, and if necessary, ensure that they don't serve in Congress," she said, speaking sedately, but severely.

Sherrill's commentary on her colleagues is below:

"We can't have a democracy if members of Congress are actively helping the president overturn the elections results.

And so not only do I intend to see that the president is removed and never runs for office again and doesn't have access to classified material, I also intend to see that those members of Congress who

abetted him; those members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that I saw on Jan. 5 — a reconnaissance for the next day; those members of Congress that incited this violent crowd; those members of Congress that attempted to help our president undermine our democracy; I'm going to see they are held accountable, and if necessary, ensure that they don't serve in Congress."

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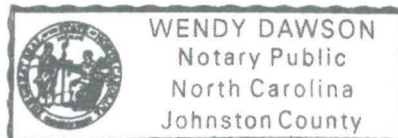
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Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [AvoidedCostPublicHearing@pscnc.nc.gov](mailto:AvoidedCostPublicHearing@pscnc.nc.gov) or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-100, Sub 167), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public witness hearing.

The Public Staff is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, c/o Utilities Section, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may also be e-mailed to [utilityAG0@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAG0@ncdoj.gov).

Written statements will be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision but do not receive the same consideration as testimony provided by public witnesses at a hearing.

Any person desiring to intervene in this matter as a formal party of record should file a motion under Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than Monday, January 11, 2021. All such motions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The comments and exhibits to be presented in this proceeding by formal parties other than DEC, DEP, DENC, WCU, and New River related solely to proposed changes in the methodologies used to calculate or determine the avoided cost rates, as well as the data inputs and assumptions used in applying those methodologies must be filed with the Commission no later than Monday, January 11, 2021. Deadlines for parties' filing of comments and exhibits related to additional issues in this proceeding will be established by further order of the Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.  
This the 24th day of November, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH  
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Sharon Taylor, being duly sworn, says  
That he is a Legal Advertising Representative of the  
The Richmond County Daily Journal, a daily newspaper  
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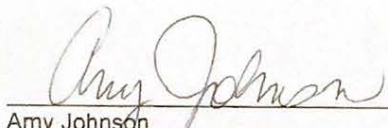
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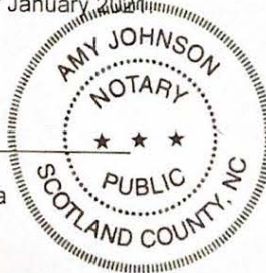
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SIGNED:

  
Sharon Taylor  
Legal Advertising Representative

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 167  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Biomass Documentation of Fuel Cost  
Rates for Electric Utility Participants from  
Qualifying Facilities 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUED: 12/16/2020. The North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing in the above-referenced matter on January 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the first meeting room of the Commission, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from interested parties on the proposed biomass documentation of fuel cost rates for electric utility participants from qualifying facilities. The electric utilities who are parties to this matter are Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Solar Energy Project, LLC (SEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO), Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENCO), Western Piedmont University (WPU), and Appalachian State University (ASU). New River Light and Power Company (New River) is also a party to this matter.

The Public Utility Regulatory Process Act of 1978 (PURPA) requires electric utilities to give to independent electric energy producers certain cost-of-service benefits under PURPA. The rates for such purchases shall be set by the state regulatory authority, shall be just and reasonable in the absence of the electric utility and in the public interest, shall not discriminate against qualifying facilities, and shall not exceed the incremental cost for the electric utility of acquiring independent electric energy, plus a profit of no more than three percent. The Commission intervenes on a biennial basis to establish cost rates and conditions for the purchase of electricity by electric utilities from qualifying facilities in North Carolina.

In addition to the requirements of PURPA, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-225 requires the Commission to determine the rates and conditions to be observed by electric utilities in purchasing power from small power producers as defined in N.C.G.S. § 62-225(a). The rates established pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-225 shall not exceed, over the term of the purchase agreement, the incremental cost to the electric utility of the electric energy of such fuel for the purchase from a small power producer, the utility's credit for purchase from another source.

The purpose of the hearing on this notice is to consider evidence of the witness' opinion and conduct the proceedings of the Commission for the purchase of electricity by the electric utilities who are parties to this proceeding from qualifying facilities in North Carolina.

Members of the public that would like to testify may appear in advance of the hearing, no later than 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 2021, by contacting the Public Staff via email at [PublicStaff@ncuc.gov](mailto:PublicStaff@ncuc.gov) or by calling 919-286-8614. Those requesting priority over name should contact the Public Staff via email at [PublicStaff@ncuc.gov](mailto:PublicStaff@ncuc.gov) or by calling 919-286-8614. Those requesting priority over name should contact the Public Staff via email at [PublicStaff@ncuc.gov](mailto:PublicStaff@ncuc.gov) or by calling 919-286-8614.

Only witnesses registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public hearing.

The Public Staff is required to provide to interested parties and the Commission, public information before the Commission. Within 10 business days of the Public Staff's receipt of any information which has been received by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such information shall be addressed to the Commission's Administrative Director, Public Staff, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-0200.

This Affidavit of Publication is also subject to the provisions of the Commission's proceedings before the Commission. Subscribers to the Affidavit should be addressed to: The Affidavit of Publication, Attention: General Counsel, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-0200. Affidavit information may also be e-mailed to [affidavit@ncuc.gov](mailto:affidavit@ncuc.gov).

Witness statements will be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision but do not constitute the Commission's decision. The Commission's decision is a binding order. Any person claiming to be a party to this matter in a hearing shall file a written statement of interest in this matter with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) at 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-0200. The Commission will consider the information in this proceeding, by formal written order, after DEC, SEP, VEP, WPU, and DENCO have received notice of proposed changes to the methodology used to calculate the biomass cost rates, as well as the data inputs and assumptions used in January 11, 2021. Comments for the Public Staff of comments and requests shall be submitted in writing to the Public Staff, 100 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-0200.

ISSUED BY THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION  
Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Nancy R. Souter, Deputy Clerk

