

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

January 24, 2022

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning. Happy
17 to be here.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick?

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.
20 Present.

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

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

3 (No response)

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

7 MR. METZ: Good morning. I'm Dustin Metz
8 with the Energy Division. Item P1 are Registration
9 Statements, Applications, Renewals, and Amendments for
10 Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for
11 solar photovoltaic facilities.

12 The Public Staff recommends that the
13 Commission approve the Applications, issue the
14 Certificates and accept the Registration Statements.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
16 the recommendation.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
19 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
20 the Public Staff. Are there questions or discussion
21 on the motion?

22 (No response)

23 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.
24 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and

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1 your opposition with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland?

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

4 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

6 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

8 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

10 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

12 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I
14 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

15 (MOTION PASSES)

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Metz.

17 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water
18 Item P1. Ms. Darden.

19 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. Lindsay Darden,
20 Engineer with the Public Staff - Water, Sewer and
21 Telephone Division. Water Item P1 filed by Old North
22 State Water Company in Docket Number W-1300, Sub 61 is
23 an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience
24 and Necessity to provide water utility service in

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1 Arlington Manor Woods Subdivision and for approval of
2 rates.

3 The Public Staff recommends that the
4 Commission issue the proposed order granting the
5 franchise and approving the proposed rates.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
7 the Public Staff's recommendation.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

13 (No response)

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

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

21 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

23 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

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1 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

3 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

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

6 (MOTION PASSES)

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Darden.

8 The Commission has before us our minutes of
9 the January 18th Staff Conference for approval. I'll
10 take a motion, please.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

12 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions or
14 discussion?

15 (No response)

16 All in favor of approving the minutes,
17 indicate with an aye.

18 (All Commissioners say aye)

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

20 (No response)

21 Our minutes of January 18th are approved.

22 One item of business before we adjourn.

23 Sacajawea, would you please take a seat at the witness
24 stand. I'd like to introduce a new member of

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1 Commission staff to everyone this morning.

2 Sacajawea Gray will serve as our Director of
3 Fiscal Management Division. She replaces Pat Jeter
4 who previously served in this role. She comes to us
5 from the Department -- the North Carolina Department
6 of Health and Human Services where she worked in the
7 Division of Public Health. She served as a team lead
8 and was responsible for budgetary and fiscal
9 operations within DPH. Her duties included
10 expenditure and budgeting of federal receipts, as well
11 as special funds and state appropriations.

12 She's previously worked at UNC, at Duke and
13 at Central, so she has made the round for the most
14 part. She has an undergraduate degree from Clemson
15 and a MBA from Webster University.

16 And we are very excited to have her here
17 working with us in the Fiscal Management Division.
18 So, please join me in welcoming her to the Commission.

19 Sacajawea, anything you'd like to say this
20 morning?

21 MS. GRAY: Good morning, everyone. I look
22 forward to working with you.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: We look forward to having
24 you here, and thank you very much.

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1 Before we adjourn, any additional business?

2 (No response)

3 Hearing none, we'll be adjourned. Thank you
4 very much everybody. Let's go off the record.

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6 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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I, KIM T. MITCHELL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
the Proceedings in the above-captioned matter were
taken before me, that I did report in stenographic
shorthand the Proceedings set forth herein, and the
foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription
to the best of my ability.

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