

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

March 15, 2021

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: In the interest of time,
3 we're going to go ahead and get started. Hopefully,
4 Commissioner McKissick can join us as soon as he can.

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

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.
12 I'm present.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

16 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

18 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner Hughes.

20 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: And there he is,
22 Commissioner McKissick.

23 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Finally, I'm here.
24 Thank you.

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Let the record reflect
2 Commissioner McKissick is with us.

3 In compliance with the State Government
4 Ethics Act, I remind members of the Commission of
5 their duty to avoid conflicts of interest, and inquire
6 as to whether any member of the Commission has a known
7 conflict of interest with respect to matters coming
8 before us this morning?

9 (No response)

10 The record will reflect that no conflicts
11 have been identified, so we will proceed with Public
12 Staff, Electric Item P1. Mr. Saillor, you may
13 proceed.

14 MR. SAILLOR: I'm Scott Saillor with the
15 Public Staff, Energy Division. Item P1 consists of
16 Applications for Amended Certificates of Public
17 Convenience and Necessity for solar PV electric
18 generating facilities.

19 The Public Staff recommends that the
20 Commission approve the Applications and issue the
21 Amended Certificates.

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

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
2 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
3 the Public Staff. Any questions or any discussion?

4 (No response)

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

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

22 (MOTION PASSES)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed to Public
24 Staff, Water Item P1. Mr. Junis, you're up.

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1 MR. JUNIS: Yes, ma'am. I am Charles Junis,
2 Engineer with the Public Staff, Water, Sewer and
3 Telephone Division. Water Item P1 filed by Aqua North
4 Carolina, Inc., in Docket Number W-218, Sub 526A is
5 Applications for approval to implement four secondary
6 water quality system improvement projects.

7 On March 8, 2021, the Public Staff filed its
8 report and recommendations regarding the Applications.

9 The Public Staff recommends that the
10 Commission issue the proposed order authorizing Aqua
11 to implement its four proposed filtration projects to
12 comply with secondary quality water standards.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I move approval
14 of the recommendation.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And I second
16 Commissioner Brown-Bland's motion.

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

20 (No response)

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

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

4 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

6 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

8 (Audio Interruption).

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

11 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

14 (MOTION PASSES)

15 MR. JUNIS: Thank you very much. Water Item
16 P2 has been pulled. I think everybody is aware of
17 that, so we'll jump to Water Item P3 filed by Aqua
18 North Carolina, Inc., in Docket Number W-218, Sub 544.
19 It's an Application for authority to transfer
20 franchises for providing water utility service in
21 Shepherds Way and The Oaks at Hunter Hill Subdivisions
22 in Nash County to Nash County, which is exempt from
23 Commission regulation.

24 The Commission staff suggested changes to

1 the proposed order including a footnote providing
2 additional information about prior Commission
3 decisions regarding gain or loss on sale. The Public
4 Staff and Aqua have reviewed the changes and find them
5 acceptable.

6 The Public Staff recommends that the
7 Commission issue the proposed order, as modified,
8 approving the transfer to owner exempt from
9 regulation, canceling the franchises, and requiring
10 customer notice.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'll move
12 approval of the recommendation.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

17 (No response)

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

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

6 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

8 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

11 (MOTION PASSES)

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Junis.

13 The Commission now has its minutes of
14 March 1st, 2021 Staff Conference before us for
15 approval.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I'll move approval.

17 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray has moved
19 that the minutes of March 1 be approved, and that
20 motion has been seconded by Commissioner Duffley. Any
21 questions or discussion before I call for a vote?

22 (No response)

23 All in favor of approving our minutes
24 indicate with an aye.

1 (All Commissioners say aye)

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any opposed?

3 (No response)

4 Our minutes of March 1, 2021 are approved.

5 Any additional business for the Commission
6 this morning?

7 (No response)

8 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank
9 you everybody.

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11 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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