

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

October 25, 2021

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, present.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick?

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.

19 Present.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the
21 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the
22 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of
23 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the
24 Commission has a known conflict of interest with

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1 respect to the matters coming before us this morning?

2 (No response)

3 The record will reflect that no conflicts
4 have been identified, so we'll proceed with Public
5 Staff, Natural Gas Item P1. Ms. Patel, you're up.

6 MS. JOHNSON: This is Ms. Johnson.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Oh, I'm sorry, Ms. Johnson.
8 You may proceed.

9 MS. JOHNSON: That's okay. Item P1 is
10 Docket Number G-9, Sub 794. On October 15th, 2021,
11 Piedmont Natural Gas Company filed a Petition
12 requesting authority to adjust its rates effective
13 November 1, 2021, pursuant to its Margin Decoupling
14 Tracker or its MDT mechanism based on the Margin
15 Decoupling Deferred Account balances as of
16 August 31st, 2021.

17 The Public Staff has reviewed these proposed
18 rate adjustments, found them to be in compliance with
19 Piedmont's tariffs, and recommends approval as filed.

20 A proposed order is attached as item -- or,
21 excuse me, as Exhibit Number P-1.

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 discussion on the
4 motion?

5 (No response)

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

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

13 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

22 (MOTION PASSES)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

24 MS. JOHNSON: You're welcome.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: We'll proceed now to Public
2 Staff, Communications Item P1. Ms. Proffitt, you're
3 up.

4 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning. Item P1
5 presents Interconnection and Agreement Amendments
6 filed by Verizon South between August 19th and August
7 25th.

8 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings
9 and recommends that orders be issued approving the
10 Amendments effective on the date they were filed.

11 The Public Staff has provided proposed
12 orders to the Commission's staff.

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

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

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 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

10 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

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

13 (MOTION PASSES).

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.

15 MS. PROFFITT: Yes, ma'am.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: We'll proceed now to Public
17 Staff, Electric Item P1. Mr. Lawrence,
18 Mr. Williamson, I'm not sure which of you is in -- is
19 presenting to us this morning.

20 MR. LAWRENCE: Good morning. It's me, Evan
21 Lawrence.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning, Mr. Lawrence.
23 You may proceed.

24 MR. LAWRENCE: Good morning. I'm Evan

1 Lawrence with the Public Staff's Energy Division.
2 Electric Item P1 consists of Applications and renewals
3 of CPCNs and a Registration Statement.

4 The Public Staff recommends the Commission
5 issue orders approving the Applications, issuing the
6 requested Certificates, and accepting the
7 Registration.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
9 the recommendation.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
12 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
13 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion on the
14 motion?

15 (No response)

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

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

23 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

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1 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye. (Audio
2 feedback).

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Duffley is an aye.
4 Commissioner Hughes?

5 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

7 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record, I support
9 the motion as well and the motion carries.

10 (MOTION PASSES)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Lawrence.
12 The Commission has before us for approval our Minutes
13 from Staff Conference held on October 18th. I'll take
14 a motion, please.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
16 the Minutes from October 18th.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And I'll second the
18 motion.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Questions or discussion?

20 (No response)

21 Hearing none, all in favor of approving the
22 Minutes, indicate with an aye.

23 (All Commissioners say aye)

24 Anyone opposed?

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1 (No response)

2 The Minutes are approved.

3 Before we adjourn, let me check in and see
4 if there's any additional business for the Commission
5 this morning.

6 (No response)

7 Hearing none, we stand adjourned, and let's
8 go off the record, please. Thank you very much,
9 everyone.

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11 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
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