

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 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. With me
5 this morning are Commissioners Brown-Bland,
6 Clodfelter, Duffley, Hughes, McKissick, and Kemerait.

7 In compliance with the State Government
8 Ethics Act, I remind Members of the Commission of our
9 duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire, at
10 this time, as to whether any member of the Commission
11 has a known conflict with respect to any matters
12 coming before us this morning.

13 (No response)

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: The record will reflect
15 that no conflicts have been identified, so we'll
16 proceed with Public Staff, Item 1.

17 MS. PATEL: Good morning, Chair,
18 Commissioners. I'm Neha Patel with Public Staff's
19 Energy Division. I'm presenting Items 1 and 2 today.
20 Item 1 is a request by Piedmont Natural Gas Company
21 for approval of a compressed natural gas purchase
22 agreement. Public Staff has reviewed the request and
23 recommends the Commission approve the proposed Order
24 allowing Piedmont to provide service to the customer

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1 pursuant to the fuel purchase agreement as filed in
2 this document.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
4 the recommendation.

5 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Second.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
7 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
8 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
9 discussion on the motion?

10 (No response)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor,
12 indicate with an aye.

13 (All Commissioners say aye)

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

15 (No response)

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Motion carries. Thank you,
17 Ms. Patel.

18 MS. PATEL: Item 2 is a request by Piedmont
19 Natural Gas Company to modify Appendix D to its North
20 Carolina Service Regulations, the Company's equal
21 payment plan. The Public Staff has reviewed the
22 Application and recommends the Commission approve the
23 purchase order allowing Piedmont to implement the
24 modification as filed in the docket.

1 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Move approval.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Second.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
4 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
5 the Public Staff. Questions or discussion on the
6 motion?

7 (No response)

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor,
9 indicate with an aye.

10 (All Commissioners say aye)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: The motion carries. Thank
14 you, Ms. Patel. All right. We'll move on to Public
15 Staff Item No. 3.

16 MR. HOUSER: Good morning. I'm Evan Houser,
17 an Engineer with the Public Staff Water, Sewer, and
18 Telephone Division. Item 3, filed by Christmount
19 Christian Assembly, in Docket No. W-1079, Sub 20, is a
20 Verified Petition pursuant to North Carolina General
21 Statute Section § 62-133.11 Requesting Authority to
22 Amend Christmount's Tariff to pass along the Increased
23 Cost of Purchased Sewer Service from the Metropolitan
24 Sewerage District of Buncombe County.

1 And I'd like to make a correction to the
2 proposed Order which states that the MSD raised its
3 rates by \$0.18 cents, from \$6.32 to \$6.50 per 1,000
4 gallons. It should state that MSD raised its rates by
5 \$0.20 cents, from \$6.50 to \$6.70 per 1,000 gallons.
6 This change will not impact the proposed rates, and we
7 did use the correct rates to calculate the proposed
8 rates, and the corrected proposed Order was provided
9 to the Commission Staff. The Public Staff has
10 reviewed the petition and recommends that the
11 Commission issue the corrected proposed Order
12 approving the tariff revisions.

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

15 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Second.

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

20 (No response)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor,
22 indicate with an aye.

23 (All Commissioners say aye)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

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1 (No response)

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Motion carries. Thank you,
3 Mr. Houser. All right. Commission has before us our
4 minutes of the October 10th Staff Conference for
5 approval.

6 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Move approval of
7 the minutes.

8 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Questions or discussion?

10 (No response)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: All in favor of approving
12 the minutes, indicate with an aye.

13 (All Commissioners say aye)

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

15 (No response)

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Those minutes
17 are approved. Just checking in to see if there's
18 additional business for the Commission this morning
19 before we adjourn?

20 (No response)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, we'll be
22 adjourned. Thank you very much, everybody. Let's go
23 off the record, please.

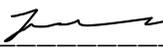
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(WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, TONJA VINES, 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.



Tonja Vines