

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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2 (WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.)  
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4 C E R T I F I C A T E

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6 proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken  
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10 of my ability.  
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