

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

March 18, 2024

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick
Commissioner Kemerait
Commissioner Brawley
Commissioner Tucker

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Walker, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Mr. Ayers, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Ms. Jost, Mr. Creech, Ms. Coxton, Ms. Keyworth, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Junis, Mr. Houser, Ms. Bhatta

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

ELECTRIC*CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY***Fayetteville Public Works Commission**

1. Docket No. SP-12717, Sub 2 – Application of Fayetteville Public Works Commission, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and registration statement to construct a 1.9 MW solar photovoltaic facility in Cumberland County, North Carolina (*Lawrence/Keyworth*)

On December 29, 2023, Fayetteville Public Works Commission (FPWC or Applicant), filed an application in the above-captioned docket seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 1.9 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 3858 Gillespie Street, Cumberland County, North Carolina. The Applicant states the electricity will be delivered to the FPWC system and its retail customers.

Contemporaneously with the Application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

The Public Staff recommends approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

WATER AND WASTEWATER*ORDER RECOGNIZING CONTIGUOUS EXTENSION AND APPROVING OF RATES***Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina**

2. Docket No. W-354, Sub 413 – Notification of Intention to Begin Operations in an Area Contiguous to a Present Service Area to Provide Water and Wastewater Utility Service in Winston Pointe Phase 3B in Johnston County (*Houser/Morgan/ Bernier*)

On December 1, 2022, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed a Notification of Intention to Begin Operations in Area Contiguous to Present Service Area (Notification) to provide water and wastewater utility services for Winston Pointe Phase 3B in Johnston County, North Carolina. Winston Pointe Phase 3B service area is contiguous to CWSNC's Winston Pointe Phase 3A service area (Docket No. W-354, Sub 425). CWSNC filed amendments to the Notification on April 17, 2023, and May 15,

2023. CWSNC proposes to charge the rates currently approved for its Winston Pointe service area.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Notification and the amendments to the Notification.

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order recognizing the contiguous extension and approving the requested rates.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Old North State Water Company, Inc.

3. Docket No. W-1300, Sub 89 – Notification of Intention to Begin Operations in an Area Contiguous to a Present Service Area to Provide Water Utility Service in Mornington Subdivision, Phase 4, in Wake County (*Bhatta/Sun/Coxton*)

On April 27, 2023, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC), filed a Notification of Intention to Begin Operations in Area Contiguous to Present Service Area (Notification) to provide water utility service for Mornington Subdivision, Phase 4 (Mornington Phase 4) in Wake County, North Carolina. ONSWC filed amendments or supplements to the Notification on June 19, 2023, June 30, 2023, December 12, 2023, December 15, 2023, and February 2, 2024. Mornington Phase 4 is contiguous to ONSWC's service areas in the Ellington Meadows Subdivision (Ellington Meadows) and Phases 2 and 3 of the Mornington Subdivision (Mornington Phases 2 and 3) (Docket No. W-1300, Subs 21 and 68, respectively). ONSWC proposes to charge the rates currently approved for its Ellington Meadows service area.

The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Notification, supplements, and amendments.

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order recognizing the contiguous extension and approving the requested rates.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

ORDER GRANTING FRANCHISE AND APPROVING OF RATES

Old North State Water Company, Inc.

4. Docket No. W-1300, Sub 97 – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water Utility Service for Baker Farms Subdivision, in Franklin County (*Bhatta/Strickland/Coxton/Bernier*)

On January 23, 2024, Old North State Water Company, Inc. (ONSWC), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of

Rates (Application) to provide water utility service to Baker Farms Subdivision (Baker Farms), in Franklin County, North Carolina in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110. On February 1, 2024, the Public Staff filed a letter with the Commission indicating that this docket now includes all the information required for a complete application. On February 2, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Finding Application Complete and Requiring the Public Staff to Provide Specific Application Data. On February 9, 2024, the Public Staff provided the information requested by the Commission. On February 12, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Establishing Discovery Guidelines.

The Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order granting the franchise and approving the requested rates.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of February 19, 2024, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.