

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

February 7, 2022

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning. Let's come
3 to order and go on the record. I'm Charlotte
4 Mitchell, Chair of the Utilities Commission, and with
5 me are the following Commissioners. When I call your
6 name, please announce your presence. Commissioner
7 Brown-Bland?

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good Monday
9 morning.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good Monday morning.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

13 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick?

19 (Pause).

20 I see Commissioner McKissick, I don't hear
21 him.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Probably lost him.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: His internet just
24 went out I just saw.

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. Hopefully, he will
2 be able to get back in 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 at this time as to whether any member of the
7 Commission has a known conflict with respect to
8 matters coming 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, Communications Item P1. Ms. Proffitt, you're
13 up.

14 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning. Item P1
15 presents Interconnection -- excuse me --
16 Interconnection Agreements and Amendments by MebTel,
17 CenturyLink and Verizon South between November 18th
18 and December 13th, 2021.

19 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings
20 and recommends that orders be issued approving the
21 agreements and amendments effective on the date they
22 were filed.

23 The Public Staff has provided proposed
24 orders to the Commission staff.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
2 the recommendation.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

8 (No response)

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

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

16 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

18 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

20 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

22 (Pause).

23 Commissioner McKissick will be reflected as
24 not voting on this item. And, for the record, I

1 support the motion and the motion carries.

2 (MOTION PASSES)

3 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Chair Mitchell, I'm
4 back with you.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: He's back.

6 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: I had some
7 technical difficulties for a minute. I'm not sure
8 what happened.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick,
10 we're glad to have you back.

11 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric
12 Item P1.

13 MR. LAWRENCE: Good morning. I am Evan
14 Lawrence with the Public Staff's Energy Division.
15 Electric Item P1 is an Application from Dominion
16 Energy North Carolina for a Certificate of
17 Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and
18 Necessity and a Motion for Waiver of Notice and
19 Hearing to construct a new 230 kV transmission tap
20 line approximately 200 feet in length to support the
21 interconnection of a solar generating facility in
22 Currituck County, North Carolina.

23 The Public Staff has determined that the
24 Application meets the requirements for a Certificate

1 and Waiver of the Notice and Hearing.

2 The Public Staff recommends that the
3 Commission grant the requested Certificate and waive
4 the notice of the hearing requirement. Thank you.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Lawrence.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
7 the recommendation.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

13 (No response)

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

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

21 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

23 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

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1 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

3 (Pause).

4 I believe we've lost Commissioner McKissick
5 again. So, the record will reflect that he did not
6 vote on this item. For the record, I support the
7 motion as well and the motion carries.

8 (MOTION PASSES)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Let's proceed now to Public
10 Staff, Electric Item P2.

11 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good morning,
12 Commissioners. I'm Tommy Williamson with the Energy
13 Division / Electric Section. Item P2 consists of an
14 Application for a CPCN accompanied by a Registration
15 to become a new solar photovoltaic renewable energy
16 facility.

17 The Public Staff recommends that the
18 Commission accept the Application, issue the
19 Certificate and approve the Registration. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I move approval
21 of the recommendation.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
24 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by

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1 the Public Staff. Are there questions or discussion
2 on the motion?

3 (No response)

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

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

11 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick?

17 (Pause).

18 The record will reflect that Commissioner
19 McKissick did not vote on this item. And, for the
20 record, I support the motion and the motion carries.

21 (MOTION PASSES)

22 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: (Audio Feedback).

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: John, if we could mute
24 Commissioner McKissick's line.

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1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: I'm back again.
2 I'm having some major connectivity problems this
3 morning. I apologize. I don't know what it is.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: That's okay, Commissioner
5 McKissick. It's probably the weather and the fact
6 that it's a Monday morning.

7 The Commission has before us for approval
8 our minutes from the January 31st Staff Conference.
9 I'll take a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Second.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions or discussion
13 on that motion?

14 (No response)

15 All in favor for approving the minutes
16 indicate with an aye.

17 (All Commissioners say aye)

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

19 (No response)

20 The minutes from January 31st Staff
21 Conference are approved.

22 And before we adjourn this morning, any
23 additional business for the Commission?

24 (No response)

1 Hearing none, we'll be adjourned. Let's go
2 off the record, please.

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4 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.
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