

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

May 17, 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 say your name, please announce your presence.  
7 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present. Can you  
9 hear me? Present.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got Commissioner  
11 Brown-Bland. Commissioner Gray.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Present.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

14 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

16 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

18 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

20 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.  
21 Present.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the  
23 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the  
24 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of

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1 interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the  
2 Commission has a known conflict of interest with  
3 respect to matters coming before us this morning?

4 (No response)

5 The record will reflect no conflicts have  
6 been identified, so we will proceed with  
7 Communications, Item P1. Ms. Proffitt, you're up.

8 MS. PROFFITT: Good morning.

9 MS. CUMMINGS: Chair Mitchell, sorry, before  
10 you get started I just wanted to make the Chair and  
11 the Commissioners aware that the Public Staff has a  
12 few new people we would like to introduce at the  
13 conclusion of business today, if it pleases the Chair  
14 and the Commission.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Cummings.  
16 We'll call on you at the appropriate time.

17 MS. CUMMINGS: Okay. Karen, go ahead. I'm  
18 sorry for interrupting you.

19 MS. PROFFITT: That's quite all right. Good  
20 morning. My name is Karen Proffitt with the Public  
21 Staff - Water, Sewer and Telephone Division. Item P1  
22 presents the April 14th filing of the Application of  
23 Windstream Communications. They are seeking  
24 designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier,

1 or ETC, for the purpose of qualifying to receive  
2 federal Universal Service Fund support to provide  
3 voice and broadband services to receive -- excuse me,  
4 I'm sorry -- services in certain areas defined by  
5 census blocks that lack these services and to allow it  
6 to offer discounts to qualifying low-income customers  
7 through the FCC's Lifeline Program.

8 Windstream Communications seeks ETC  
9 designation for census blocks located in several  
10 counties as specified in Exhibit A of their  
11 Application.

12 The Public Staff reviewed the Application  
13 and responses to our data requests and believes that  
14 Windstream satisfies the requirements for designation  
15 as an ETC.

16 The Public Staff recommends that the  
17 Commission issue an order finding that Windstream  
18 Communications has met the requirements to serve as an  
19 ETC in the requested census blocks specified in  
20 Exhibit A of Windstream's Application, and designating  
21 Windstream Communications as an ETC for those census  
22 blocks requested.

23 A proposed order has been provided to the  
24 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. Any questions or discussion on the  
7 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 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
24 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

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1 (MOTION PASSES)

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed now to  
3 Public Staff, Communications Item P2. Ms. Proffitt,  
4 you're up again.

5 MS. PROFFITT: Yes, ma'am. Item P2 presents  
6 two Interconnection Agreement Amendments which were  
7 filed by Verizon South for Commission approval on  
8 February 18th, 2021.

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

12 The Public Staff has provided proposed  
13 orders to the Commission staff.

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

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

21 (No response)

22 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
23 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
24 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

5 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

7 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

11 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

14 (MOTION PASSES)

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.

16 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric  
17 Item P1. Mr. Williamson, you're up.

18 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good morning,  
19 Commissioners. I'm Tommy Williamson with the Energy  
20 Division. Electric Item P1 consists of three  
21 Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience  
22 and Necessity for solar PV electric generating  
23 facilities.

24 The Public Staff has reviewed the

1 Applications and determined that they comply with the  
2 requirements of General Statute § 62-110.1 and  
3 Commission Rule R8-64.

4 The Public Staff recommends the Commission  
5 issue Orders approving the Applications and issuing  
6 the requested Certificates for the facilities. Thank  
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Second.

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

14 (No response)

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

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

22 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

24 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

2 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

4 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
6 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

7 (MOTION PASSES)

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Williamson.

9 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric  
10 Item P2. Mr. Floyd, you're up.

11 MR. FLOYD: Good morning. My name is Jack  
12 Floyd with the Energy Division. Item 2 is a request  
13 by Dominion Energy North Carolina. They filed a  
14 notice with the Commission terminating their Small  
15 Business Improvement Program. This program was  
16 originally approved in October 2016 and offered small  
17 business customers incentives for a variety of energy  
18 efficiency measures. The Company recently received  
19 approval for an enhanced version of the Program in  
20 Docket E-22, Sub 596. The application in that docket  
21 stated that this program would be closed upon approval  
22 of the Sub 596 application.

23 The Public Staff has reviewed the Company's  
24 request and agrees that it is appropriate to close



1 this program at this time. The Program approved in  
2 Sub 596 offers an updated version of many of the same  
3 measures that were associated with this program that  
4 we're terminating today. The Public Staff has also  
5 confirmed that the Company closed this program  
6 effective May 6th, 2021.

7 Based on this information, the Public Staff  
8 recommends that the Commission issue our proposed  
9 order granting the Company's request to terminate the  
10 Small Business Improvement Program and to do so as  
11 filed.

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

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

18 (No response)

19 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
20 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
21 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

2 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

4 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

6 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

8 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

11 (MOTION PASSES)

12 MR. FLOYD: Thank you.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Floyd.

14 We will proceed to Public Staff, Water Item  
15 P1. Ms. Darden, you're up.

16 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. I'm Lindsay  
17 Darden, Engineer of the Public Staff - Water, Sewer  
18 and Telephone Division. Water Item P1, Docket Number  
19 W-354, Sub 383, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North  
20 Carolina filed an Application with the Commission on  
21 April 9th, 2021, seeking authority to amend its tariff  
22 for the purpose of passing along to its customers in  
23 its Fairfield Mountain and Apple Valley service area  
24 in Rutherford County the increased cost of them

1 purchasing bulk sewer treatment from the Town of Lake  
2 Lure.

3 The Town of Lake Lure's new rate became  
4 effective July 1st, 2020; therefore, the tariff  
5 revision would apply for service rendered on and after  
6 the date the Commission issues an Order.

7 It is recommended that the Commission issue  
8 the proposed order approving the tariff revision and  
9 requiring customer notice.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
11 the recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Chair Mitchell, I have  
18 a question.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes, you  
20 may proceed.

21 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Ms. Darden, I don't  
22 know if this is something you can answer or if, by  
23 chance, we have someone for the -- with the Company on  
24 the line, but the difference between the time period

1 when this increase went into effect and when the  
2 request is coming in front of us just seems very long.  
3 Is it the policy to allow some sort of, I don't know,  
4 waiting period for this to come in? Do you have any  
5 idea why it was so long getting to us? It's a  
6 significant amount of money that the Company appears  
7 to have just not requested.

8 MS. DARDEN: The Company -- I'm not sure  
9 if I interrupted someone. The Company didn't include  
10 a specific reason why it was delayed. And from what  
11 I'm aware of I don't think there's any backtracking or  
12 anything we do in this scenario. We just process it  
13 as soon as we can.

14 MR. BENNINK: Madam Chair --

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. I'd be --

16 MR. BENNINK: Madam Chair, this is Bob  
17 Bennink, I'm online. We have Matthew Schellinger who  
18 is available to respond to the question from  
19 Commissioner Hughes, if that's allowed.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Mr. Bennink, thank you, and  
21 yes you all may proceed. And thank you, Ms. Darden,  
22 for your response.

23 MR. SCHELLINGER: Good morning,  
24 Commissioners. This is Matt Schellinger. Hopefully

1 you can hear me okay. Really, this was just a  
2 situation where when we were searching out on the  
3 websites looking for different rate increases, it  
4 wasn't a -- sorry. Let me restate. I was checking  
5 through July and August and it wasn't available at  
6 that time and didn't happen to have noticed that  
7 increase until sometime down the road. So, it was  
8 really more of an operator error if you will. So, the  
9 timing for when those are available, those rate  
10 increases are available, is a little hard to find  
11 sometimes.

12 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I appreciate that  
13 explanation.

14 MR. BENNINK: We would note that although  
15 that increase has been in effect and being paid by  
16 Carolina Water Service for an extended period of time,  
17 customers have not been impacted by that and will not  
18 be impacted until the Commission approves this  
19 effective with your Order.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Bennink.  
21 Anything further, Commissioner Hughes?

22 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: No, that's all. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. Any additional

1 questions for the Public Staff or the Company?

2 (No response)

3 Hearing none, I'll go ahead and call the  
4 roll for a vote. Indicate your support with an aye  
5 and your opposition with a no. Commissioner  
6 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: Commissioner McKissick.

17 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: (Inaudible).

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: I believe Commissioner  
19 McKissick is an aye.

20 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: (Nods in  
21 agreement).

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
23 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

24 (MOTION PASSES)

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Darden.

2 The Commission has before it for approval  
3 its minutes from Staff Conference of May 10th, 2021.  
4 I'll take a motion, please.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

6 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: All in favor of approving  
8 the minutes indicate with an aye.

9 (All Commissioners say aye).

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response)

12 The minutes are approved.

13 Turning to additional business, it's my  
14 understanding that the Public Staff has several new  
15 employees they'd like to introduce. So, Ms. Cummings,  
16 I'll turn it over to you.

17 MS. CUMMINGS: Thank you, Chair Mitchell and  
18 Commissioners. First, I'd like to introduce Joyce  
19 Gwyn. Joyce is our new shared employee with the  
20 Commission. She's split 50/50. She's the lead Budget  
21 and Fiscal Officer. And she is housed over on the  
22 Public Staff side in the Executive Director's suite  
23 and she reports to Chris Ayers of the Public Staff,  
24 and Pat Jeter with the Commission is my understanding.

1           Joyce, if you want to go ahead and just say  
2 a few words right now that would be great.

3           MS. GWYN: Hi, I'm Joyce Gwyn. My home town  
4 is Wilmington, Delaware, but I am here. I've been in  
5 with DHHS for four years before coming here. And I  
6 am -- just in my spare time I just spend time with my  
7 son and my family. And I thank you all for the warm  
8 welcome.

9           CHAIR MITCHELL: Welcome Joyce, we're glad  
10 to have you.

11           MS. GWYN: Thank you.

12           MS. CUMMINGS: Thank you. And I'll turn it  
13 over now to Dianna Downey to introduce some of our new  
14 legal folks.

15           MS. DOWNEY: Good morning, Chair Mitchell,  
16 Commissioners, Dianna Downey from the Legal Division.  
17 I have three new attorneys. They're not new-new but I  
18 have unfortunately neglected to introduce them before  
19 now, but I'm happy to do so this morning.

20           First is Reita Coxton. Reita joined us in  
21 May of 2020. Prior to joining us, she was at the  
22 Department of Commerce. Reita has her Bachelor of  
23 Arts from Duke University, her law degree from UNC  
24 Chapel Hill, a Master of Accounting from NC State, and



1 an LLM in taxation from the University of Alabama.

2 Reita, would you like to say a couple of  
3 words?

4 MS. COXTON: Yes, ma'am. I've really  
5 enjoyed the work that I've done so far. I appreciate  
6 the warm welcome as well. And this has been an  
7 amazing experience so far and I trust that that will  
8 continue.

9 MS. DOWNEY: And Reita has her first hearing  
10 this afternoon, Commissioners, so you will see her  
11 again this afternoon.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: A belated welcome to Reita,  
13 and we've enjoyed working with you and look forward to  
14 many, many, many, more years. Thanks.

15 MS. COXTON: Thank you, Chair Mitchell.

16 MS. DOWNEY: Second is Robert Josey. He  
17 should be no stranger to you all. For those of you  
18 who have been on the Commission for awhile, Robert is  
19 a familiar face. He worked with us in -- from 2016 to  
20 the beginning of 2019, but we're very happy to have  
21 him back. He rejoined us this past October. Robert  
22 has his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest and his  
23 law degree from the Appalachian School of Law. And  
24 we've got him on a lot of Tim Dodge's old subjects.

1 Robert, would you like to say a few words?

2 MR. JOSEY: Sure. Well, it's great to be  
3 back. I missed it, clearly, and I'm really looking  
4 forward to working with everybody again and working  
5 with the new Commissioners that I haven't had a chance  
6 to interact with since I've been back. I'm glad to be  
7 back and looking forward to working with everyone.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Glad to have you back,  
9 Robert.

10 MR. JOSEY: Thank you.

11 MS. DOWNEY: And finally, Chair Mitchell and  
12 Commissioners, our newest attorney who joined us May  
13 3rd is also probably a familiar face to you all,  
14 Munashe Magarira. Prior to joining us he was at the  
15 Attorney General's Office where he worked on utility  
16 matters. He is a double grad from UNC Chapel Hill,  
17 which I'm very happy about. And we welcome him on our  
18 staff.

19 Munashe, would you like to say a few words?

20 MR. MAGARIRA: Sure. Thank you for the warm  
21 introduction, Dianna. Good morning to the Commission.  
22 I'm really looking forward to getting to work with you  
23 a lot more and just glad to be with the Public Staff.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Glad to have you, Munashe,

1 and welcome. Welcome aboard.

2 MS. DOWNEY: And I'll turn it back over to  
3 Layla. I think we have an accountant to introduce.

4 MS. CUMMINGS: Yes. We have one more  
5 person. And Michelle Boswell is actually going to  
6 introduce our new accounting employee, Darrell Brown.

7 MS. BOSWELL: Good morning. Michelle  
8 Boswell with the Public Staff, Accounting Division.  
9 The Accounting Division is very excited to introduce  
10 Mr. Darrell Brown as the newest member of our staff.  
11 Mr. Brown is a graduate of the distinguished North  
12 Carolina State University, and comes to us with a long  
13 and varied career in regulatory accounting with  
14 several telecommunications companies. And I will give  
15 Darrell a moment to say anything he would like to say.

16 MR. BROWN: First, I'd like to say thanks to  
17 the Commission staff and Michelle for introducing me.  
18 Thank you all for the warm welcome. I'm looking  
19 forward to supporting the Commission staff and  
20 carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the  
21 Commission. And again, thank you for that warm  
22 welcome.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Welcome Mr. Brown, we are  
24 glad to have you with us.

1 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

2 MS. CUMMINGS: Chair Mitchell, that  
3 concludes our new employees for now.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Cummings.

5 Again, welcome to everyone. We are happy to  
6 have you among us.

7 It's my understanding that Duke has a new  
8 employee or two they would like to introduce to us as  
9 well. Mr. Somers, are you with us? There you are.  
10 Mr. Somers, you may proceed.

11 MR. SOMERS: Yes. Good morning, Chair  
12 Mitchell. Bo Somers with Duke Energy. A couple of  
13 announcements this morning. I appreciate you giving  
14 us a couple of minutes. I am taking a new position  
15 with Duke Energy in our Strategic Regulatory Group and  
16 I will be supporting all of Duke Energy's regulated  
17 utilities across the country. And I would like to  
18 just say I have tremendous respect for what the work  
19 of the Commission and the Commission staff and the  
20 Public Staff, and it has truly been a privilege to  
21 represent Duke Energy before the Commission and work  
22 with all of you for the past 18 years.

23 I would like to announce and hand off to my  
24 colleague Jack Jirak that many of you know. Jack will

1 be succeeding me as the lead North Carolina regulatory  
2 attorney for the Company. And he would like to  
3 introduce a new lawyer who's also starting with us.  
4 Thank you.

5 MR. JIRAK: Good morning, Chair Mitchell and  
6 Commissioners. Yes, I'm very excited to -- I'm a good  
7 bit taller than Bo but I'm confident that I cannot  
8 fill his shoes just yet, but I'm learning as much as I  
9 can. And I've really enjoyed my time here at the  
10 Commission and I look forward to continue to grow and  
11 learn from so many other of my colleagues here at the  
12 Commission whose got such experience and by-stepped  
13 the Commission, so thank you.

14 Bo is transitioning out and we are also  
15 welcoming to our team a new team member. Kathleen  
16 Richard comes to us from Southern Star Central Gas  
17 Pipeline in Kentucky. She has an undergraduate degree  
18 in English from the University of Kentucky. A  
19 different shade of blue than we're used to around  
20 these parts but we're very excited to have her on  
21 board. She also received her law degree from the  
22 University of Louisville as well. And so she'll be  
23 joining us and assisting on a variety of regulatory  
24 matters and appearing before you all in the near term.

1 So, we are very excited to have Kathleen on board.

2 Kathleen, if you want to just say a couple  
3 of quick words we'll wrap up.

4 MS. RICHARD: Yes. Thank you, Jack. It's a  
5 pleasure meeting you all. As you can see I'm moving  
6 to North Carolina in the next week. I'm in a room  
7 that's been fully packed up. So, I'm looking forward  
8 to the move and really looking forward to working with  
9 you all on future projects. I appreciate the warm  
10 welcome.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Very nice to meet you and  
12 look forward to working with you as well. And just a  
13 heads up, it gets a little rough around here around  
14 the ACC basketball and basketball season in general,  
15 so just prepare yourself.

16 MS. RICHARD: I appreciate that.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Mr. Somers, I will take the  
18 opportunity to say how much we've appreciated your  
19 appearing before us. I hope that we will continue to  
20 see you from time to time as your schedule allows and  
21 wish you the best as you take on this new challenge  
22 and endeavor. So, please do not be a stranger.

23 And, Mr. Jirak, I'll look forward to seeing  
24 you as well.

1 MR. JIRAK: Thank you very much.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right, guys. Anything  
3 else for the Commission this morning before we call it  
4 a morning?

5 (No response)

6 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thanks  
7 everybody.

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9 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.  
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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, KIM MITCHELL, 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.

Kim Mitchell

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