

the same concern regarding the rates proposed by Red Bird for consideration in a future rate case. The Public Staff further states that the issues set forth in the seven consumer statements of position are well explained. The Public Staff notes that neither the Public Staff, Crosby, nor Red Bird are aware of any other customer protests or comments made in connection with this proceeding. Finally, the Public Staff considers that neither the quantity nor contents of the filed consumer statements of position constitute the "significant protests" necessary to avoid the cancellation provision set forth in the Commission's Scheduling Order. The Public Staff states that neither Crosby nor Red Bird object to canceling the public witness hearing.

Based upon the foregoing, the Presiding Commissioner finds that the public witness hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on January 23, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina should be canceled, and notice to customers of the cancellation should be required.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the public witness hearing previously scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on Monday, January 23, 2023, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina is hereby canceled;

2. That a copy of this Order should be mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered by Red Bird to all affected customers no later than January 19, 2023, and that Red Bird shall submit to the Commission the attached Certificate of Service, properly signed and notarized, no later than January 20, 2023.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 17th day of January, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, mailed with sufficient postage or hand delivered to all affected customers a copy of the Order issued by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket Nos. W-992, Sub 8 and W-1328, Sub 9, and said Order was mailed or hand delivered by the date specified in the Order.

This the ____ day of _____ 2023.

By: _____
Signature

Name of Utility Company

The above named Applicant, _____, personally appeared before me this day and, being first duly sworn, says that the required Order was mailed or hand delivered to all affected customers, as required by the Commission Order dated _____ in Docket Nos. W-992, Sub 8 and W-1328, Sub 9.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the ____ day of _____ 2023.

Notary Public

Address

(SEAL) My Commission Expires: _____
Date