

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

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

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'm present. Thank you.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Present.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

11 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Good morning.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: (No response).

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

17 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning. Present.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. In compliance with the State Ethics
19 Act, I remind all members of the Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts
20 of interest, and inquire as to whether any member of the Commission has a
21 conflict of interest with respect to the matters coming before us this
22 morning?

23 (No response)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. The record will reflect that no

1 conflicts have been identified, so we'll proceed with Public Staff -
2 Electric, Item P1. Mr. McLawhorn, you're up.

3 MR. McLAWHORN: Good morning, Chair Mitchell, and members of the
4 Commission. I'm James McLawhorn with the Energy Division. Item P1 is a
5 filing by Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas, collectively the
6 Companies, in Docket Numbers E-2, Sub 1214, and E-7, Sub 1210.

7 On June 4th, 2021, DEP and DEC filed a Motion for an Extension of
8 the Limited Waiver of Commission Rule R12-11(M)(2), granted by Commission
9 Order on November 15th, 2019, with conditions, to be effective January 1st,
10 2020. This Order allowed the Company -- (Mr. McLawhorn lost Webex
11 connection).

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: It seems we have lost Mr. McLawhorn. Ms. Jost,
13 are you in a position to step in for Mr. McLawhorn?

14 MS. JOST: I believe Mr. Josey may be his backup.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. I don't see -- oh, there you are, Robert.
16 All right. Mr. Josey, you may proceed, if you will.

17 MR. JOSEY: Yes. Thank you. This Application was an extension
18 of a waiver of Rule R12-11. It was to allow more text messages to be sent
19 to -- to customers who are going to be disconnected. And the Company was
20 using this waiver to gather information on how well this program was
21 working; however, due to the situation and the events of the last year, they
22 were unable to gather the data that was necessary to determine whether or
23 not this would be a successful program and, therefore, they've asked for an
24 extension of the waiver.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Mr. Josey. Commission
2 Staff has made one revision -- proposes one revision to the Order which
3 would include extending all conditions and reporting obligations established
4 by the November 15th, 2019 Order. Mr. Josey, do you have any -- do you know
5 of any reason why the Public Staff would object to such a condition on this
6 -- on the waiver Order?

7 MR. JOSEY: No. The Public Staff does not object to such a
8 condition.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. And I don't see -- I see Ms. Barnes is
10 participating as an attendee, but --

11 MR. BRADY ALLEN: Good morning, Chair Mitchell.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Oh. Mr. Allen. Perfect.

13 MR. BRADY ALLEN: Brady Allen. Yes. I'm representing Duke
14 Energy on this, and we would not object to those conditions as well.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Allen, for stepping in
16 there.

17 MR. BRADY ALLEN: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of the recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Mr. Allen, if you would, would you please go on
21 mute? All right. Thank you, sir.

22 All right. It's been moved and seconded that the item be
23 approved, as recommended by the Public Staff. Commissioner Brown-Bland is
24 confirming with the addition of the Commission Staff's recommendation as

1 well?

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: That's correct.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: (Nods affirmatively).

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. And I see Commissioner Gray nodding as
5 well. All right. Any discussion or questions on the motion?

6 (No response)

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.
8 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition with a no.
9 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

14 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

16 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes will be indicated as not
18 voting. And Commissioner McKissick.

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: And the motion -- and for the record, I support
21 the motion as well, and the motion carries.

22 (MOTION PASSES)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Mr. McLawhorn. I see you
24 have joined us again. And thank you, Mr. Josey, for stepping in there.

1 All right. We will proceed to Public Staff - Water. It's my
2 understanding -- well, Ms. Jost, for purposes of the record, we'll begin
3 with Public Staff - Water, Item P1.

4 MS. JOST: Yes. The Public Staff would like to pull Water Item
5 P1 from the Agenda.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. Water Agenda Item P1 will be removed from
7 this week's Agenda.

8 MS. JOST: Thank you.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Ms. Jost. All right. We
10 will proceed to Public Staff - Water, Item P2. Mr. Junis, I believe you're
11 up.

12 MR. JUNIS: Yes. Thank you. Charles Junis, Engineer with the
13 Public Staff - Water, Sewer and Telephone Division. Water Item P2 filed by
14 DFHC Corporation, Inc., in Docket Number W-1315, Sub 6, is a Verified
15 Petition requesting authority to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing
16 along to its customers in Gardner Hill Station in Guilford County an
17 increase in the cost of purchasing water service from the City of Greensboro
18 and sewer service from the Town of Jamestown.

19 The Commission Staff suggested a revision to the proposed Order
20 that the Public Staff's request be incorporated, and Exhibit Number P3, page
21 2, Ordering paragraph number 2, the second sentence should be revised to
22 state "This Schedule of Rates shall become effective for bills rendered on
23 and after the date of this Order." This is just consistency with previous
24 Orders issued for this Company in this docket, and to reduce any confusion

1 for the Company. It's not a significant change.

2 So the Public Staff has reviewed DFHC's Petition and recommends
3 that the Commission issue the revised proposed Order approving the requested
4 tariff revision and requiring customer notice.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of the recommendation.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. It's been moved and seconded that
8 the item be approved, as recommended by the Public Staff. Any questions or
9 discussion on the motion?

10 (No response)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.
12 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and your opposition with a
13 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

18 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

20 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

22 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: (No response.)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes will be indicated as not
24 voting. And Commissioner McKissick.

1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I support the motion as
3 well, and the motion carries.

4 (MOTION PASSES)

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Thank you, Mr. Junis.

6 All right. The Commission has before it for approval its minutes
7 of the June 28th, 2021 Staff Conference. I'll take a motion, please.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. It's been moved and seconded that
11 our minutes from the June 28th Staff Conference be approved. Are there any
12 questions or discussion on that motion?

13 (No response)

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor of approving the
15 minutes indicate with an aye.

16 (All Commissioners say aye)

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

18 (No response)

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Our minutes are approved.

20 Okay. Before we conclude, any additional business for the
21 Commission this morning?

22 (No response)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Hearing none, we will be adjourned.
24 Thank you very much, everybody. Let's go off the record, please.

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Whereupon, this conference is adjourned.

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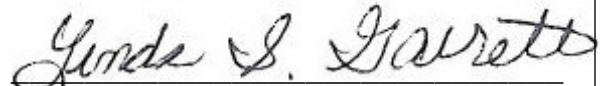
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