

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

June 7, 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 call your name, please announce your presence.
7 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

14 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

16 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

18 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.

19 Present.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the
21 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the
22 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of
23 interest, and inquire at this time as to whether any
24 member of the Commission has a known conflict of

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

1 interest with respect to matters coming before us this
2 morning?

3 (No response)

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

8 MS. PROFFITT: Can you hear me?

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: We can hear you.

10 MS. PROFFITT: Thank you. Good morning. My
11 name is Karen Proffitt of the Public Staff - Water,
12 Sewer and Telephone Division. Item P1 presents an
13 Interconnection Agreement and Amendments that were
14 filed by Frontier Communications of the Carolinas,
15 LLC, on March 17th and 18th.

16 The Public Staff has reviewed the filings
17 and recommends that orders be issued approving the
18 Agreement and Amendments effective on the date they
19 were filed.

20 The Public Staff has provided proposed
21 orders to the Commission staff.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
23 the recommendation.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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

5 (No response)

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

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

13 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

19 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

22 (MOTION PASSES)

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.

24 MS. PROFFITT: Thank you.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed now to
2 Electric Item P1. Mr. Saillor, I believe you're up.

3 MR. SAILLOR: Good morning. I'm Scott
4 Saillor with the Energy Division. Item P1 is an
5 Application for an amended Registration and an amended
6 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a
7 solar PV electric generating facility.

8 The Public Staff recommends that the
9 Commission approve the Application, issue the amended
10 Certificate and accept the amended Registration.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Madam Chair, I
12 move approval of the recommendation but I have a
13 question.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I'll second and wait for
15 the question.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got a motion and a
17 second that the item be approved as recommended by the
18 Public Staff. Commissioner Brown-Bland, please
19 proceed with your questions.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Mr. Saillor,
21 first, I'm assuming that there were no complaints
22 received in response to the additional -- change to
23 the footprint or the additional property added to the
24 site?

1 MR. SAILLOR: Yes, that's correct.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: And, also, do you
3 know at this time whether construction has begun at
4 this facility, for this facility?

5 MR. SAILLOR: No. I'm not aware at this
6 time.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Is there an
8 anticipated date when construction might begin? Do
9 you have that?

10 MR. SAILLOR: I believe that was provided in
11 the Application. I do not have that information in
12 front of me, but I can provide that information. I
13 can check on that.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Is that something
15 you can provide to Commission staff?

16 MR. SAILLOR: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Madam Chair, I
18 don't have any further questions.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Commissioner
20 Brown-Bland.

21 Any additional questions from Commissioners?

22 (No response)

23 Hearing none, I'll go ahead and call the
24 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion

1 with an aye and your opposition with a no.

2 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

7 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

9 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

11 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

13 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: For the record I support
15 the motion as well and the motion carries.

16 (MOTION PASSES)

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Saillor.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Madam Chair, I
19 think it's clear but just to be clear.

20 Mr. Saillor, we would like to have that
21 information before we issue the order.

22 MR. SAILLOR: (Nods head affirmatively).

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Commissioner

1 Brown-Bland.

2 And Mr. Saillor, please do provide that
3 information at your earliest convenience.

4 We will proceed now to Public Staff, Water
5 Item P1. Ms. Darden, you're up.

6 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. Lindsay Darden,
7 Engineer of the Public Staff - Water, Sewer and
8 Telephone Division. Water Item P1, Docket Number W-4,
9 Sub 22, Joyceton Water Works filed an Application with
10 the Commission on April 26th, 2021, seeking authority
11 to amend its tariff for the purpose of passing along
12 to its customers in Caldwell County the increased cost
13 of purchasing water from the City of Lenoir. The City
14 of Lenoir's new rate becomes effective July 1st, 2021.

15 It's recommended that the Commission issue
16 the proposed order approving the tariff revision and
17 requiring customer notice.

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

20 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
22 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
23 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
24 discussion on the motion?

1 (No response)

2 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.

3 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and
4 your opposition with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

9 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

11 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

13 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

15 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I
17 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

18 (MOTION PASSES)

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Darden.

20 The Commission at this time has its minutes
21 of the May 24th, 2021, Staff Conference before us for
22 approval.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
24 the minutes.

1 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions or discussion
3 on that motion?

4 (No response)

5 All in favor of approving the minutes
6 indicate with an aye.

7 (All Commissioners say aye).

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

9 (No response)

10 The minutes are approved.

11 At this time we will turn to additional
12 business this morning. I would like to make an
13 introduction of a new addition to Commission staff.

14 Ms. Li, I'm hoping that you are on. There
15 you are. The Commission would like to welcome to our
16 staff Jenny Li. She certainly is no stranger to the
17 Commission or to the Dobbs Building. She comes to us
18 from the Public Staff, and we are very -- we're sorry
19 for the Public Staff's loss but we are ecstatic that
20 she has joined us, and look forward to getting to work
21 with Ms. Li.

22 Prior to her joining the Public Staff, she
23 worked in the public sector, I'm sorry, in the private
24 sector. And prior to joining the private sector, she

1 obtained her degree from North Carolina State
2 University. So, with that, Ms. Li, I'll turn it over
3 to you to say hello.

4 MS. LI: Hi, good morning everyone. Thank
5 you, Chair Mitchell, for the warm welcome. I'm
6 looking forward to working with everyone and glad to
7 be with the Commission staff now.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Li, and
9 we're very glad to have you.

10 Any additional business for the Commission
11 this morning.

12 (No response)

13 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank
14 you everybody. Let's go off the record, please.

15 _____
16 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.
17 _____

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

Kim Mitchell