

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

**STAFF CONFERENCE AGENDA
February 22, 2021**

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TO: Agenda – Commission Conference – February 22, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission

B. NATURAL GAS

P1. DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 628 – APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC., FOR BI-ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES UNDER RIDER E TO ITS TARIFF

EXPLANATION: On February 15, 2021, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or Company) filed an application (Application), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.7A and Rider E of the Company's tariffs, requesting authority to adjust its rates effective March 1, 2021, to implement new temporary increments.

Pursuant to PSNC's Integrity Management Tracker (IMT), Rider E of the Company's tariffs, PSNC is required to file a revision to its tariffs for Commission approval by February 15 and August 15 of each year showing the computation of the Integrity Management (IM) Adjustment that it proposes to charge during the six-month period beginning March 1 and September 1, respectively. Additionally, PSNC is required to file by February 15 an IM True-Up Adjustment based on the balance in the IM Deferred Account as of January 31.

The proposed IM rate adjustments, expressed in dollars per therm (\$/therm), are as follows:

Description	Residential Rates 101, 102, 115	Commercial Rates 125, 126 127, 140	Firm Large General Rates 145, 175	Interruptible Large General Rates 135, 150, 160, 165, 180
Customer Class Percentage	69.89%	19.92%	7.25%	2.94%
IMRR for Recovery	\$22,619,236	\$6,446,919	\$2,346,394	\$951,503
IM Deferred Account Balance	<u>\$118,985</u>	<u>\$33,913</u>	<u>\$12,343</u>	<u>\$5,005</u>
Net IMRR for Recovery	\$22,738,221	\$6,480,832	\$2,358,737	\$956,508
Rate Case Volumes (therms)	302,709,607	154,775,485	202,384,732	148,716,728
IM Rate Increment (per therm)	\$0.07512	\$0.04187	\$0.01165	\$0.00643
Current IM Increment	\$0.07093	\$0.03954	\$0.01101	\$0.00607
Adjustment to IM Increment	<u>\$0.00419</u>	<u>\$0.00233</u>	<u>\$0.00064</u>	<u>\$0.00036</u>

The Public Staff has reviewed the Application and recommends approval as filed.

EXHIBIT: A copy of the proposed order is attached as [Exhibit No. P-1](#).

RECOMMENDATION: (Gilbert/Dorgan) That the Commission issue the proposed order approving PSNC's IM rate adjustments as filed. [Back to Agenda](#)

D. ELECTRIC

P1. DOCKET NO. EC-47, SUB 47 – WAKE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION – APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 300-KW ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

EXPLANATION: On December 8, 2020, Wake Electric Membership Corporation (“WEMC” or “Applicant”), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a), and Commission Rule R8-64. The proposed facility is a 300-kW_{AC} liquid propane-fueled electric generating facility to be located at 1 Eagle Chase Court, Youngsville, Franklin County, North Carolina (“Facility”). WEMC also requested the ability to interconnect the facility prior to the approval of the CPCN.

On December 17, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Requiring Publication of Notice, Clearinghouse Review, and Public Staff Recommendation, and Denying Request for Interim Interconnection*. The Commission ordered WEMC to publish notice of the application in the manner required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-82(a), file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, and to mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility or other entity to which WEMC plans to sell and distribute the electricity. Additionally, the Commission required the State Clearinghouse review the project, and denied the request for an interim interconnection prior to the issuance of a CPCN. Finally, the Commission ordered the Public Staff to place this matter on a Regular Staff Conference agenda with its recommendation as soon as practicable after WEMC completed publishing notice.

On January 25, 2021, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. The cover letter indicated that, because of the nature of the comments, no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On February 12, 2021, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Franklin Times (Franklin County, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on February 11, 2021.

The Applicant did not file a verified certificate of service as required in the Commission’s December 17, 2020 Order, as Applicant plans to interconnect the proposed facility to its own system and sell and distribute the electricity to its own customers and not to another electric utility or entity.

In summary, the Public Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the certificate.

EXHIBIT: A proposed order is attached as Exhibit No. P-2.

RECOMMENDATION: (Lawrence/Little) That the Commission issue the Public Staff's proposed order.

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P2. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES

EXPLANATION: The following application seeks an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Carolinas:

- Docket No. SP-11727, Sub 0 – Application of Two Hearted Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience to construct a 22-MW solar PV facility in Yadkin County, North Carolina. A registration statement was included with the application.

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined that it complies with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

RECOMMENDATION: (Lawrence) That the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested amended certificate for the facility. A proposed order has been provided to the Commission Staff.

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DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 628

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Public Service Company of North)
Carolina, Inc., for Bi-Annual Adjustment of Rates)
Under Rider E to its Tariff) ORDER APPROVING
RATE ADJUSTMENTS
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 15, 2021, Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC or Company) filed an application (Application), pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.7A and Rider E of the Company's tariffs, requesting authority to adjust its rates effective March 1, 2021, to implement new temporary increments.

Pursuant to PSNC's Integrity Management Tracker (IMT), Rider E of the Company's tariffs, PSNC is required to file a revision to its tariffs for Commission approval by February 15 and August 15 of each year showing the computation of the Integrity Management (IM) Adjustment that it proposes to charge during the six-month period beginning March 1 and September 1, respectively. Additionally, PSNC is required to file by February 15 an IM True-Up Adjustment based on the balance in the IM Deferred Account as of January 31.

The proposed IM rate adjustments, expressed in dollars per therm (\$/therm), are as follows:

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The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its February 22, 2021, Staff Conference. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the Application and recommended approval as filed.

Based upon review of the Application and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed IM rate adjustments should be allowed to become effective as filed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That PSNC is authorized to implement the proposed IMT rate adjustments as contained in the body of this Order effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2021.
2. That PSNC shall file revised tariffs consistent with Ordering Paragraph 1 within five (5) days of the date of this Order; and
3. That PSNC shall give notice to its customers of the rate changes authorized in this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the _____ day of _____, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DOCKET NO. EC-47, Sub 47

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Wake Electric Membership Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 300-kW Electric Generating Facility in Franklin County, North Carolina) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
) OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
) NECESSITY
)

BY THE COMMISSION: On December 8, 2020, Wake Electric Membership Corporation (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 300-kW_{AC} liquid propane-fueled generating facility to be located at 1 Eagle Chase Court, Youngsville, Franklin County, North Carolina.

On December 17, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Requiring Publication of Notice, Clearinghouse Review and Public Staff Recommendation, and Denying Request for Interim Interconnection*. The Commission ordered WEMC to publish notice of the application in the manner required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-82(a), file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, and to mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility or other entity to which WEMC plans to sell and distribute the electricity. Additionally, the Commission required the State Clearinghouse review the project, and denied the request for an interim interconnection prior to the issuance of a CPCN. Finally, the Commission ordered the Public Staff to place this matter on a Regular Staff Conference agenda with its recommendation as soon as practicable after WEMC completed publishing notice.

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The Applicant did not file a verified certificate of service as required in the Commission's December 17, 2020 Order, as Applicant plans to interconnect the proposed facility to its own system and sell and distribute the electricity to its own customers and not to another electric utility or entity.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on February 22, 2021. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate for the proposed liquid propane fueled electric generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, issued to Wake Electric Membership Corporation, for the construction of a 300-kW_{AC} liquid propane-fueled electric generating facility to be located at 1 Eagle Chase Court, Youngsville, Franklin County, North Carolina.

2. That Appendix A hereto shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued for the Facility.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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DOCKET NO. EC-47, Sub 47

Wake Electric Membership Corporation
228 Park Avenue
Youngsville, North Carolina 27596

is hereby issued this

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN. STAT. § 62-110.1

for a 300-kW_{AC} liquid propane-fueled electric generating facility

located

at 1 Eagle Chase Court, Youngsville, Franklin County, North Carolina

subject to all orders, rules, regulations, and conditions
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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