

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

March 22, 2021

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

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Present. Good morning.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

10 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes, good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

12 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

14 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

16 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.

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

24 (No response)

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

5           MS. PROFFITT: Okay. Can you hear me now?

6           CHAIR MITCHELL: We can hear you.

7           MS. PROFFITT: My name is Karen Proffitt of  
8 the Public Staff, Water, Telephone -- Water, Sewer and  
9 Telephone Division. I'm presenting Item P1 which  
10 presents the filing, the July 17th filing of the  
11 Application of Atlantic Telecom Multimedia  
12 Consolidated, LLC, seeking designation as an Eligible  
13 Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of  
14 qualifying to receive Universal Service Fund support  
15 to provide voice and broadband services in certain  
16 areas defined by census blocks that lack these  
17 services, and to allow it to offer discounts to  
18 qualifying low income customers through the FCC's  
19 Lifeline program.

20           In its July 17th Application, and as  
21 specified in its supplemental filing on February 27th,  
22 ATMC seeks designation for the census blocks located  
23 in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus Counties, and also  
24 Duplin, Pender and Robeson Counties.

1           The Public Staff has investigated ATMC's  
2   Application and supplement filings, including its  
3   review of responses to the Public Staff data requests.  
4   The Public Staff concludes that ATMC satisfies the  
5   requirement for designation as an ETC.

6           The Public Staff recommends that the  
7   Commission issue an order finding that ATMC has met  
8   the requirements to serve as an ETC in the requested  
9   census blocks in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin,  
10   Pender, and Robeson Counties, and designating ATMC as  
11   an ETC for those census blocks as requested.

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. Are there any questions or  
18   discussion?

19                   (No response)

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

23           COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

24           CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

1 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

3 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

5 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

7 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

9 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
11 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

12 (MOTION PASSES)

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: The record will reflect  
14 that Commissioner Brown-Bland has joined us. And  
15 we'll cut her a little slack this morning since -- on  
16 this morning since it is her birthday, so Happy  
17 Birthday to Commissioner Brown-Bland.

18 Thank you, Ms. Proffitt.

19 We will proceed now --

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: We will proceed now with  
22 Public Staff, Electric Item P1. Mr. Saillor, I  
23 believe you're up.

24 MR. SAILLOR: I'm Scott Saillor with the

1 Public Staff, Energy Division. Item P1 consists of  
2 Applications for Amended Certificates of Public  
3 Convenience and Necessity for solar PV electric  
4 generating facilities.

5 The Public Staff recommends that the  
6 Commission approve the Applications and issue the  
7 Amended Certificates.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
9 the recommendation.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And I'll second.

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

15 (No response)

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

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

23 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

1 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

3 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

5 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

8 (MOTION PASSES)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: We'll proceed now with  
10 Public Staff, Electric Item P2.

11 MR. LUCAS: Good morning. I'm Jay Lucas  
12 with the Public Staff's Energy Division. Item P2  
13 consists of a request to waive the master metering  
14 prohibition in North Carolina General Statute  
15 § 143-151.42.

16 The Public Staff recommends that the  
17 Commission issue the Public Staff's proposed order  
18 allowing a waiver of the master metering prohibition.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I'll move the  
20 recommendation of the Public Staff.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And second.

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

1 discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Madam Chair, I do  
3 have a couple of questions.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Proceed, Commissioner  
5 McKissick.

6 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: The way I read this  
7 particular item it's going to allow for the master  
8 metering I guess of electricity as well as I believe  
9 it might have been gas as well.

10 MR. LUCAS: I don't believe this one is  
11 allowing master metering of natural gas.

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Okay. Okay. So it  
13 was just -- okay. So, even if it's just for  
14 electricity, but they are charging for it through  
15 their HOA fees; is that correct?

16 MR. LUCAS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Now, let me ask  
18 this question because typically when HOA's assess  
19 property they are allowed in North Carolina, if for  
20 some reason you don't pay your HOA fee, to actually  
21 sell your home or townhome as the case may be to  
22 satisfy a delinquency. Is there anything that's in  
23 any of the restrictive covenants that would prohibit  
24 the sale of a property for a portion of the HOA fees

1 as attributed to the utility cost?

2 MR. LUCAS: I am not sure of that. I didn't  
3 get a copy of the HOA's rules and regulations. But I  
4 know there is a separate General Statute, I don't have  
5 the number in front of me, but for disconnecting  
6 utilities for non-payment of utility items is  
7 prohibited by law in North Carolina. It's called  
8 self-help eviction. I can dig deeper and find that  
9 General Statute and let you know. I can also contact  
10 the Applicant and get a copy of the planned covenants  
11 of the HOA.

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: The restrictive  
13 covenants of the HOA and look to see if that other  
14 General Statute that you've mentioned would prohibit  
15 an eviction -- excuse me, the sale of the property as  
16 a result of the non-payment of a component of the HOA  
17 fee that's attributable to the utilities. That would  
18 certainly address my concern. I mean --

19 MR. LUCAS: Sure.

20 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: -- as you're aware,  
21 if it was one of the other, you know, investor-owned  
22 utility companies in our state, certainly if it was  
23 Duke we wouldn't allow that, any of the Duke entities  
24 or any of the private water and sewer companies, and



1 that's the concern I had when I -- the way it read  
2 when it's a part of the HOA assessment because  
3 typically with the HOA assessment you -- the remedy  
4 you have to collect it is the sale of the property.

5 MR. LUCAS: Yes. Yes. I've -- but I will  
6 find out. I will get the affiliate agreement.

7 (Audio feedback).

8 And about the prohibition on self-help  
9 eviction, that was for customers who didn't pay  
10 utility bills and a landlord disconnecting utility  
11 service for non-payment of rent. It wasn't for  
12 non-payment of some kind of other fee. It was a  
13 disconnection of utility for non-payment of rent. But  
14 I will dig deeper into that to find you that General  
15 Statute.

16 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Is there any time  
17 sensitivity to this particular request that's before  
18 us today. I mean, if it's possible to bring it back  
19 say next week so we can get some answers I'd feel a  
20 whole lot better.

21 MR. LUCAS: I can do that. They wanted to  
22 start construction in March/April, but it was somewhat  
23 of a late filing. They didn't file this request until  
24 February 4th, and we did have some back and forth with

1 the Applicant regarding some other issues that we got  
2 resolved. But I will dig deeper. I think the  
3 Applicant would be motivated to supply my request  
4 pretty quickly. So, yeah, we can bring it back on the  
5 29th.

6 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: That will be  
7 excellent, and at least that can be addressed and, you  
8 know, if there's something in the restrictive  
9 covenants that addresses it or even if somebody -- if  
10 they do plan to be able to collect it as an assessment  
11 and they plan to use the traditional remedy of selling  
12 property, if somebody is going to do that, then I  
13 would want to make sure that when people are buying  
14 into this community that this is prominently and  
15 conspicuously stated in documents even, you know,  
16 because --

17 MR. LUCAS: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: -- it's an extreme  
19 remedy for non-payment of the utility component of  
20 someone's HOA assessment because it appears to be that  
21 way. And the Statute you mentioned earlier about  
22 landlords and rent, I'm familiar with it even though I  
23 can't say I can point to the Statute number, but I've  
24 read about it and heard of it previously. So I --

1 MR. LUCAS: It's not in General Statute 62,  
2 it's somewhere else, but I'll find it.

3 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Okay. Excellent.  
4 Thank you very much.

5 Madam Chair, if we could carry this over for  
6 a week, I would appreciate it.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Madam Chair, I  
8 will withdraw my motion for the time being and move  
9 that we bring this back to Staff Conference next week,  
10 March 29th.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: I agree.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got a motion --  
13 Commissioner Brown-Bland has withdrawn her initial  
14 motion and has moved that the item be considered in  
15 next week Staff Conference and that motion has been  
16 seconded. Any additional questions or discussion?

17 (No response)

18 All in favor of the motion indicate with an  
19 aye.

20 (All Commissioners say aye)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

22 (No response)

23 The motion carries.

24 (MOTION PASSES)

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Lucas.  
2 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric  
3 Item P3. Mr. Williamson, you're up.

4 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good morning. I'm David  
5 Williamson with the Energy Division. If it's all  
6 right, I'm going to handle Items 3 and 4 at the same  
7 time.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: You may do so.

9 MR. WILLIAMSON: So Items P3 and P4 are  
10 filings made on February 3rd, 2021, by both Duke  
11 Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for  
12 approval of certain modifications to their  
13 multi-family EE programs. These modifications that  
14 are being proposed are to add upgraded low flow water  
15 measures and smart thermostats to the existing list of  
16 measures offered by these programs.

17 The programs are expected to be  
18 cost-effective under both the Total Resource Cost Test  
19 and the Utility Cost Tests. Therefore, the Public  
20 Staff recommends that the Commission issue our  
21 proposed orders approving these program modifications.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: I move approval  
23 of the Public Staff's recommendation for Electric  
24 Items P3 and P4.

1 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
3 seconded that the items be approved as recommended by  
4 the Public Staff. Questions or discussion?

5 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Chair Mitchell, I have  
6 a few questions.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: You may proceed,  
8 Commissioner Hughes.

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you.  
10 Mr. Williamson, you talked about the Programs meeting  
11 the Cost Effectiveness Test. Could you describe some  
12 other cost information about the Programs? What would  
13 be the annual expenditure change? Is this an addition  
14 or a substitution of a measure that is currently given  
15 out by the Program? And how do these programs compare  
16 just in the portfolio of EE? Is this one of the  
17 larger programs or mid-size?

18 MR. WILLIAMSON: Sure. Well, so these  
19 programs -- these measures that are being added, again  
20 they are just going to be an addition to the current  
21 list. The Program currently offers other water  
22 measures. So, for instance, in this case it's an  
23 upgraded low flow water showerhead. Currently, they  
24 have a one and a half gallon-per-minute showerhead and

1 this one, the new measure, is going to be one and a  
2 quarter gallon per minute.

3 As far as the other information that you're  
4 asking about how this program as far as increase in  
5 cost, I don't have that information readily available  
6 to me, but I do know that I see Bob Evans with the  
7 Company who'd probably be a lot better at answering  
8 that question off the top of his head.

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: If that's okay and  
10 it's appropriate, Chair Mitchell, can Mr. Evans  
11 address that question?

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Do you have, Commissioner  
13 Hughes, any additional questions for the Public Staff?

14 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, most of them are  
15 a follow on to that first --

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: -- first question, so  
18 at this point -- yeah.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Ms. Fentress, I see that  
20 you are on camera. If you would handle Commissioner  
21 Hughes' questions or Mr. Evans may handle them as  
22 appropriate.

23 MS. FENTRESS: Certainly. Thank you, Chair  
24 Mitchell. And good morning, Commissioners. I am

1 Kendrick Fentress appearing on behalf of Duke Energy  
2 Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress. And I am going to  
3 hand these questions, after introducing myself, to  
4 Mr. Evans who is the subject matter expert on these  
5 questions. Thank you.

6 MR. EVANS: Good morning Commissioners. My  
7 name is Bob Evans representing Duke Energy Progress  
8 and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. In terms of the cost  
9 of the Programs -- well, let me -- this is a  
10 medium-sized program, I guess that was one of the  
11 questions initially, as well as the cost effectiveness  
12 of this program is significantly in the upper echelon  
13 relative to other programs. The cost associated with  
14 this is -- we're looking at in terms of the water  
15 measures, there are no water measure increases in  
16 cost. Now, there is a smart thermostat as well. That  
17 will depend on the type of thermostat desired by the  
18 property owners. We're looking at anywhere from \$50  
19 to \$100 a thermostat in terms of the cost, but that's  
20 after the buy down from the property owners  
21 themselves. I've seen expectations of 200, 400, 600  
22 in different lots, and so you would multiple those  
23 amounts by, let's say, the \$50 which would be a  
24 low-cost Nest, economy model. They all -- these do,

1 in fact, exceed the cost -- the additional costs are  
2 exceeded by the avoided cost which is why we are  
3 looking at providing these measures in this program.

4 Did I answer your questions appropriately or  
5 are there further follow ups?

6 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, could you  
7 just -- I'm just curious, not with the  
8 cost-effectiveness or the net cost, but just the gross  
9 annual expenditures, what did you model for the first  
10 of year of this? Is it going to -- how many millions  
11 of dollars or thousands of dollars will -- does the  
12 program cost implement now, just gross cost, not net  
13 cost? And then what is the adding of thermostats  
14 going to do to the Program?

15 MR. EVANS: I do not have that information  
16 printed out in front of me right now. Maybe David  
17 Williamson, I hate to refer it back to you, would you  
18 have these, the R8-69, 68 attachments printed out and  
19 available? If not, I will supply that information for  
20 the Commission as a subsequent follow up.

21 MR. WILLIAMSON: I am looking now. I do  
22 have it pulled up. I just need to find the right line  
23 item.

24 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And just for both of



1 you, I don't -- I'm not questioning the Program. I  
2 just am interested in the increment cost as we  
3 possibly introduce smart thermostats into more of our  
4 EE programs, and I think that's a great idea. I'm  
5 just curious what the expenditure change would be.

6 MR. WILLIAMSON: Sure. I do have it pulled  
7 up. I guess the best place to look on this would be,  
8 it's page 8 of -- it's Attachment C and it's page 8 of  
9 their Application. It gets into an annual breakdown,  
10 because they do, whenever they file for modifications  
11 or new programs, they project out five years of  
12 expenses and benefits for these programs. And so  
13 looking at implementation costs, it's looking like  
14 it's around \$500,000 or so annually, just for the  
15 implementation. But the Total Utility costs anywhere  
16 between \$1.5 and low, almost \$2 million on an annual  
17 basis.

18 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And that's for each  
19 utility?

20 MR. WILLIAMSON: I am looking specifically  
21 at Duke Energy Progress, excuse me. I do not have the  
22 Duke Carolinas filing up, but I would expect that it  
23 would be somewhere similar.

24 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. And maybe this

1 is a question for you, last one. For the cost test, I  
2 saw that there is a required statement that the  
3 property owner or building owner has to say that they  
4 wouldn't have installed these devices otherwise. Are  
5 they permitted to install one smart thermostat if  
6 another one already exists and it's just a little  
7 outdated? I don't see that, that they have to say  
8 that they replaced an old thermostat with a smart  
9 thermostat. Is that part of the Program?

10 MR. WILLIAMSON: So you're asking if the  
11 Program is going to include participation from  
12 apartment owners that have recently upgraded their  
13 smart thermostat or --

14 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, I just -- I  
15 think there's a lot of penetration of smart  
16 thermostats now and for modeling, you know, and I  
17 think for the maximum energy savings is of course an  
18 old thermostat that has no controls at all is replaced  
19 with a smart thermostat. I'm just curious what the  
20 modeling and assumptions were for this program. Is it  
21 assuming that a smart thermostat is going to replace  
22 an old thermostat, or can a smart thermostat just  
23 replace a slightly older smart thermostat? Can a new  
24 smart thermostat under this program replace a slightly

1 older smart thermostat that's already installed?

2 MR. WILLIAMSON: I would probably ultimately  
3 defer to Bob for this, but my understanding is that it  
4 could as long as the application of the smart  
5 thermostat, the functions of it, were more up to date  
6 with standards now. It's -- I guess to put it, it's  
7 almost like in a lightbulb situation where we have  
8 three different tiers of lightbulbs but you're in the  
9 middle tier but you're trying to go up to the top  
10 tier, you're not going to get the same incremental  
11 impacts as you would going from the bottom tier, but  
12 you would still get some impacts.

13 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. And is that --  
14 Mr. Evans, is that how the Program runs?

15 MR. EVANS: You have a very low --  
16 Commissioner, we have a very low penetration of smart  
17 thermostats in multi-family. I'm in a multi-family  
18 structure as we speak. It has a smart thermostat in  
19 it because I put it there, much to the disappointment  
20 of my land or property owner.

21 We did not look at replacement of new or  
22 recent upgrades, because of the technology and the  
23 lifespan of these thermostats that was not considered.  
24 It could exist -- it could occur. I guess that is the

1 beauty of the copay now. The landlords do not get  
2 these for free. They will actually have to pay out of  
3 pocket a certain amount for them but that's not to say  
4 that forestall reasons or other reasons that they  
5 would replace them. I can't say.

6 Now, going back to Mr. Williamson's  
7 lightbulb example. Lightbulbs under this program, we  
8 do not replace an LED with an LED. We will replace a  
9 five-year old CFL, for example, but not -- in that the  
10 five year is the criteria by the way. So I don't see  
11 that happening, but it could happen. So I guess it's  
12 not something that we would anticipate happening but  
13 that doesn't mean it can't happen. So I apologize for  
14 the round-about response to your question,  
15 Commissioner, but it could happen, it's just not  
16 likely.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: No, and I -- that's  
18 the answer I was looking for. I mean, you  
19 answered it. And I have no more questions. Thank you  
20 both for your variances.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any additional questions  
22 for the Applicant?

23 (No response)

24 Mr. Evans, I do have one question for you.

1 I read in the Application that the EM&V for this  
2 program involves the use of AMI. Is this -- can you  
3 tell me how -- is this the only program -- are these  
4 two the only programs that you all have proposed to  
5 use AMI so far or are there other programs that also  
6 use AMI for EM&V purposes?

7 MR. EVANS: Commissioner, I'd like to think  
8 that all of our programs are going to be relying on  
9 AMI data in the future. We tracked -- we do  
10 engineering analyses, which is not AMI, but that is  
11 the preferred is a billing analysis. In order to  
12 perform that billing analysis effectively, you really  
13 got to use AMI data to the extent you possibly can.  
14 So this is -- it's just another tool and a resource,  
15 AMI, for determining the evaluation of the Programs  
16 themselves.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. Understood. So is  
18 this the first program -- are these two the first  
19 programs that will be using AMI or are your other  
20 programs using AMI at this point in time?

21 MR. EVANS: Our other programs are employing  
22 AMI.

23 CHAIR MITCHELL: Okay. That's all I  
24 wanted --

1 MR. EVANS: There are several other  
2 programs -- let me qualify that, several of other  
3 programs are.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Understood. So this would  
5 not be the only program that's utilizing or making use  
6 of the AMI?

7 MR. EVANS: That is correct. Thank you.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you.

9 Any additional questions for the Applicant?

10 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Madam Chair?

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Simply one question  
13 to the Public Staff. One thing that I would request  
14 in some of these future reports, perhaps providing a  
15 little more specificity in terms of projected cost to  
16 the Programs, projected energy savings to the  
17 Programs, and provide a little more context for these  
18 types of matters that are coming before us, and it  
19 might provide greater clarity, and in terms of what's  
20 anticipated and address some of the questions that  
21 Commissioner Hughes raised up earlier. Just something  
22 for future reference so that -- you know, the data is  
23 there and perhaps we can analyze it a little bit more  
24 clearly in advance. Thank you.

1 MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, sir, we'll try and do  
2 that.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: If there's nothing further,  
4 I'll go ahead and -- we've got a motion that's been  
5 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
6 the Public Staff, the items be approved as recommended  
7 by the Public Staff. One last time with a roll call  
8 for the vote. 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, Mr. Williamson;  
24 thank you, Mr. Evans; thank you, Ms. Fentress; for

1 your presentation today.

2 The Commission has before it its minutes of  
3 March 15th Staff Conference for approval.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
5 the minutes from March 15th.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAY: And a second.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions or discussion  
8 on the minutes?

9 (No response)

10 All in favor of approving our minutes  
11 indicate with an aye.

12 (All Commissioners say aye)

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any opposed?

14 (No response)

15 Our minutes of March 15th Staff Conference  
16 are approved.

17 Any additional business for the Commission  
18 this morning before we adjourn?

19 (No response)

20 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank  
21 you very much everybody. Let's go off the record,  
22 please.

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2 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.  
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