

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

JANUARY 3, 2022

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

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Happy New Year.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

13 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes. Good
14 morning.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

16 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

18 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Hello. Good morning.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

20 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning, and
21 Happy New Year to all.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the
23 State Government Ethics Act, I remind Members of the
24 Commission of our duty to avoid conflicts of interest

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1 and inquire, at this time, as to whether any member of
2 the Commission has a known conflict with respect to
3 matters coming before us this morning.

4 (No response)

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: The record will reflect
6 that no conflicts have been identified, so we'll
7 proceed with Public Staff, Water Item P1.

8 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. Lindsay Darden,
9 Engineer of the Public Staff Water, Sewer, and
10 Telephone Division. Water Item P1, Docket Number
11 W-1274, Sub 9, on October 15th, 2021, Lake Junaluska
12 Assembly filed a letter to amend its tariff for the
13 purpose of passing along to its sewer customers an
14 increase in the cost of purchasing sewer treatment
15 service from the Town of Waynesville.

16 The Public Staff and Commission Staff have
17 discussed a couple of minor changes to be made to the
18 Proposed Order, and both parties agree on these
19 changes. The Public Staff recommends that the revised
20 Proposed Order be issued approving the recommended
21 tariff revision.

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

24 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

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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 that motion?

5 (No response)

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
7 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion
8 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.

18 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

20 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I
22 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.
23 Thank you, Ms. Darden. We'll proceed now to Public
24 Staff, Water Item P2.

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1 MS. DARDEN: I'll be presenting Water Items
2 P2, P3, P4 and P5 together today. Water Items P2
3 through P5, filed by Old North State Water Company, in
4 Docket Number W-1300, Subs 57, 58, 59 and 65, are
5 applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience
6 and Necessity to provide water utility service and for
7 approval of rates. The Public Staff recommends that
8 the Commission issue the Proposed Orders granting the
9 franchises and approving the Proposed Rates.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
11 the Public Staff recommendations for Items P2 through
12 P5.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
15 seconded that the items be approved as recommended by
16 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
17 discussion?

18 COMMISSIONER GRAY: One question, please,
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Please proceed,
21 Commissioner Gray.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY: The Old North State has
23 posted a bond, and each of these items indicate that
24 they have sufficient under assigned bond with it. How

1 much bond have they filed?

2 MS. DARDEN: They filed an additional
3 \$150,000 bond, and each of these are \$10,000 each.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Thank you.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any additional questions or
6 discussion on the motion?

7 (No response)

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

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

16 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

18 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

20 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

22 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

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

1 Thank you, Ms. Darden. We will proceed now to Public
2 Staff, Water Item P6.

3 MS. DARDEN: That's me as well.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Back to
5 Ms. Darden.

6 MS. DARDEN: Water Item P6, filed by Old
7 North State Water Company, in Docket number W-1300,
8 Sub 66, is a notification of intention to begin water
9 utility service in an area contiguous to a present
10 service area and for approval of rates. The Public
11 Staff recommends that the Commission issue the
12 Proposed Order recognizing the contiguous extension.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
14 the recommendation.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
17 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
18 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
19 discussion on that motion?

20 (No response)

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

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

5 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

7 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

8 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

9 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

11 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I
13 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.
14 Thank you, Ms. Darden. You've earned your pay today.
15 The Commission has before us for approval our minutes
16 of December 20th Staff Conference. I'll take a
17 motion, please.

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

20 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions or discussion
22 on the minutes?

23 (No response)

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, all in favor

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of approving the minutes, indicate with an aye.

(All Commissioners say aye)

CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

(No response)

CHAIR MITCHELL: Our minutes of December 20
are approved. Before we adjourn, any additional
business for the Commission this morning?

(No response)

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

WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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I, TONJA VINES, 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.



Tonja Vines