

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

November 1, 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, announce your presence.
7 Commissioner Brown-Bland?

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

10 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Good morning.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

12 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Present.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

14 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Here.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

16 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Present.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the
18 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the
19 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)

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1 The record will reflect that no conflicts
2 have been identified, so we will proceed with Public
3 Staff, Electric Item P1. Mr. Thomas, you're up.

4 MR. THOMAS: Good morning, Commissioners.
5 My name is Jeff Thomas. I'm an Engineer with the
6 Public Staff, Energy Division. Item number P1 is
7 Docket Numbers E-7, Sub 1169 and E-2, Sub 1170, is a
8 motion to modify Duke Energy Carolinas, DEC, and Duke
9 Energy Progress, DEP, collectively Duke's, Green
10 Source Advantage Program to align the GSA Facility
11 eligibility criteria with the recently approved North
12 Carolina Interconnection Procedures, NCIP, Definitive
13 Interconnection Study process, otherwise known as
14 Queue Reform.

15 Under current GSA Facility eligibility
16 criteria, a potential GSA Facility must have a
17 completed System Impact Study Report prior to
18 submitting a GSA Program Application with a
19 prospective GSA customer. Under Queue Reform, the
20 System Impact Study Report is no longer necessary to
21 demonstrate project readiness.

22 To align the GSA Program with Queue Reform,
23 Duke proposes to modify the GSA Program to allow
24 potential GSA facilities that have signed a Definitive

1 Interconnection System Impact Study or DISIS Agreement
2 and either pay the initial security deposit or made
3 the Readiness Milestone 1 payment pursuant to NCIP
4 Sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.5 to be eligible to proceed to
5 a GSA term sheet with a prospective GSA customer.

6 Duke also requests that potential GSA
7 Facilities can become eligible for the GSA Program by
8 committing to enter the Transitional Cluster Phase 1
9 process by meeting all NCIP Section 1.10.2.1 readiness
10 requirements.

11 Duke notes that while this initial
12 Transitional Cluster Study Phase 1 process does not
13 require the same level of project readiness and
14 upfront financial security as DISIS Phase 1, Duke
15 states its support for this Transitional Cluster
16 eligibility criteria as non-discriminatory and
17 appropriate for the one-time Transitional Cluster
18 process.

19 Duke's motion states that the Carolinas
20 Clean Energy Business Association does not object to
21 the proposed modifications. No other parties to the
22 GSA dockets have filed comments on Duke's motion.

23 The Public Staff also sent this agenda item
24 and proposed order to the service list for both

1 dockets and did not receive any response.

2 The Public Staff recommends that the
3 Commission enter an Order modifying the GSA Program
4 eligibility requirements for prospective GSA
5 Facilities by (1) aligning the GSA Program with
6 readiness commitments under the future Definitive
7 Interconnection Study Process by allowing
8 interconnection customers that have met the Readiness
9 Milestone 1 requirements and enter DISIS Phase 1 to be
10 eligible GSA Facilities, and (2) during the initial
11 transition period, allowing interconnection customers
12 that have entered either the Transitional Serial
13 Process or Transitional Cluster Phase 1 Study Process
14 to be eligible GSA Facilities.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Thomas.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
17 the recommendation.

18 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Second.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
20 seconded that the recommendation of the Public Staff
21 be approved. Any questions or discussion on that
22 motion?

23 (No response)

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

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1 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition
2 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland?

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: 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 (MOTION PASSES)

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Thomas.
16 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric Item P2.
17 Mr. Floyd, I believe you're up.

18 MR. FLOYD: Good morning. I'm Jack Floyd
19 with the Energy Division. Item 2 is a filing by Duke
20 Energy Progress requesting approval to extend their
21 Non-Profit Low-Income Weatherization Pay for
22 Performance Pilot through June 30, 2022. Without the
23 extension, this three-year Pilot would conclude at the
24 end of this year.

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1 Duke Progress is requesting the extension to
2 allow them to continue offering the Pilot until the
3 evaluation of the Pilot is completed and a decision
4 can be made to either continue or terminate the Pilot.

5 The Public Staff has reviewed this request
6 and recommends that the Commission issue our proposed
7 order approving the extension of the Non-Profit
8 Low-Income Weatherization Pay For Performance Pilot as
9 requested.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
11 the recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Second.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
14 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
15 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion on the
16 motion?

17 (No response)

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

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

23 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

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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 MR. FLOYD: Thank you.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Floyd.
11 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Electric Item P3.
12 Mr. Williamson, you're up.

13 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good morning,
14 Commissioners. I'm Tommy Williamson with the Energy
15 Division - Electric section. Item P3 is an
16 Application for renewal of a Certificate of Public
17 Convenience and Necessity to construct a solar
18 facility.

19 The Public Staff has determined that the
20 Application meets the requirements for a Certificate
21 and recommends that the Commission grant the requested
22 Certificate. Thank you.

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

1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Second.

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

5 (No response)

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

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

11 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

17 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

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

20 (MOTION PASSES)

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Williamson.

22 The Commission has before us for approval
23 our Minutes from the October 25th Staff Conference.
24 I'll take a motion.

1 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any questions? Discussion
4 on the motion?

5 (No response)

6 All in favor of approving our Minutes
7 indicate with an aye.

8 (All Commissioners say aye)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

10 (No response)

11 The Minutes from October 25th are approved.

12 Before we adjourn this morning, any
13 additional business for the Commission?

14 (No response)

15 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank
16 you very much everybody.

17 Let's go off the record.

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19 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.
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the Proceedings in the above-captioned matter were
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