

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

May 16, 2022

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Brown-Bland
Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner McKissick
Commissioner Kemerait

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. Watson, Mr. Green, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Harrod, Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Hilburn, Mr. Barber, Ms. Jayasheela, Mr. Gajda, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Hardy, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Creech, Ms. Luhr, Ms. Coxton, Mr. Maness, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Zhang, Ms. Boswell, Mr. Meda, Mr. Saillor, Mr. Lucas, Ms. Proffitt

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

ELECTRIC

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES (Sailor/D. Williamson/Luhr)

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

1. Docket No. SP-37869, Sub 0 – Application of South Davidson Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 79.99 MW solar photovoltaic facility in Davidson County, North Carolina.

On March 11, 2022, South Davidson Solar, LLC (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 79.99 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located off NC Highway 109 near the town of Denton, Davidson County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

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. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

The Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Duke Energy Progress, LLC

2. Docket No. SP-7468, Sub 0 – Application of Harding Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 3 MW solar photovoltaic facility in Greene County, North Carolina.

On November 17, 2021, the Commission issued an order granting Harding Solar, LLC (Applicant), an amended and renewed certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a 3 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located on the north side of Franklin Jones Road, east of the intersection with NC Highway 58, and south of the intersection with Highway 123 South, Hookerton, Greene County, North Carolina, and accepting its amended registration as a new renewable energy facility.

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.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR LESSOR (Saillor/Creech)

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC & Duke Energy Progress, LLC

3. Docket No. EGL-13, Sub 0 – Application of Green Bridge Partners NC, LLC, for a certificate of authority to engage in business as an electric generator lessor.

On June 24, 2021, Green Bridge Partners NC, LLC (Green Bridge), filed an application for a certificate of authority to engage in business as an electric generator lessor in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-126.7 and Commission Rule R8-73 (as supplemented, Application).

The Public Staff stated that it recommended the approval of Green Bridge's Application based upon its review of the Application.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS (Proffitt/Coxton)

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T)

4. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1821 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC, approved on September 16, 2010.

On March 10, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC, filed for Commission approval of an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved September 16, 2010.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

5. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1826 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with Granite Telecommunications, LLC, approved on January 25, 2011.

On March 10, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and Granite Telecommunications, LLC, filed for Commission approval an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved January 25, 2011.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

6. Docket No. P-55, Sub 1869 – Amendment to the interconnection agreement with South Carolina Net, Inc., approved on August 15, 2012.

On March 24, 2022, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina, and South Carolina Net, Inc., filed for Commission approval an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement, approved August 15, 2012.

The Public Staff recommended that the amendment be approved.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendation be adopted.

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of May 9, 2022 were approved.

Michael Maness, Director of the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission Accounting Division reintroduced the Public Staff's returning Financial Analyst, Hemanth Meda.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.