

1 PLACE: Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina

2 DATE: Monday, August 29, 2016

3 TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 7:04 p.m.

4 DOCKET NO: G-5, Sub 565

5 BEFORE: Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Presiding
6 Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr.

7 Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty

8 Commissioner Don M. Bailey

9 Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham

10 Commissioner James G. Patterson

11 Commissioner Lyons Gray

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14 **IN THE MATTER OF:**

15 Application of Public Service Company of North
16 Carolina, Inc., for a General Increase of Its Rates
17 and Charges.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good evening.

Let us come to order and go on the record. I'm
Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Presiding
Commissioner for this hearing. With me this evening
are Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr.; and Commissioners
Bryan E. Beatty, Don M. Bailey, Jerry C. Dockham,
James G. Patterson, and Lyons Gray.

I now call for hearing Docket Number G-5,
Sub 565, In the Matter of an Application of Public
Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., for a General
Increase in Its Rates and Charges.

We are here tonight in continuation of a
series of public hearings the Commission scheduled in
this general rate case that began last Tuesday night
in Gastonia; from there on August 24, 2016 in
Asheville; we met again August 25, 2016 in
Statesville; and this hearing tonight is scheduled in
Raleigh for the purpose of taking public witness
testimony on the Application. The Commission also has
scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the Application of
PSNC for Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., here
in the Commission Hearing Room in Raleigh, at which
time the Commission will receive any additional public

1 witness testimony followed by the expert witness
2 testimony of the parties.

3 The Intervenors in this docket are Carolina
4 Utility Customers Association, Inc., also known as
5 CUCA; Evergreen Packaging; the Attorney General of
6 North Carolina; and the Public Staff.

7 Pursuant to G.S. 138A-15(e), I remind
8 members of the Commission of our duty to avoid
9 conflicts of interest and inquire at this time as to
10 whether any Commissioner has any known conflict of
11 interest with respect to this docket?

12 (No response.)

13 Let the record reflect that there's no
14 conflict been identified. Unless there's any
15 preliminary matter to come before the Commission
16 tonight, I would now call on counsel for the parties
17 to announce their appearance for the record, beginning
18 with the Applicant.

19 MS. GRIGG: Good evening, Madam Chair,
20 Members of the Commission. I'm Mary Lynne Grigg
21 appearing on behalf of PSNC.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you.

23 MR. COLLINS: Good evening, Commissioners.
24 I'm Craig Collins, Associate General Counsel for

1 SCANA, also appearing for PSNC.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you.

3 Welcome back.

4 MR. COLLINS: Thank you.

5 MS. FORCE: Good evening. My name is
6 Margaret Force. I'm representing the Using and
7 Consuming Public with the Attorney General's Office.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Welcome.

9 MS. FORCE: Thank you.

10 MS. HOLT: Good evening. I'm Gina Holt with
11 the Public Staff here on behalf of the Using and
12 Consuming Public.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Well, the
14 purpose, as I said, for this hearing is to hear from
15 the customers and public witnesses, and looking out in
16 the hearing room I can name everyone here except for
17 the officer in the back and I don't believe he's here
18 to provide testimony. I see no one here who has come
19 as a public witness; do you agree, Ms. Holt?

20 MS. HOLT: I agree.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: There being no
22 one present and wanting to come forth to provide
23 testimony in this case, that will conclude the public
24 hearing scheduled for tonight and we will stand

1 adjourned. Thank you.

2 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were adjourned.)

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I, KIM T. MITCHELL, 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
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to the best of my ability.



Kim T. Mitchell
Court Reporter II